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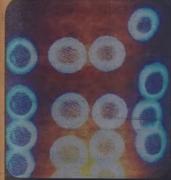
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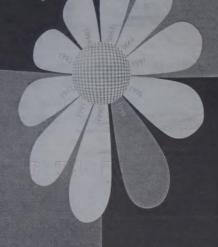
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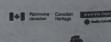
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The death gene—tick, tick, tick..

BY JARON SUMMERS

lot of things are happening on the cusp of the new millennium. Probably the

biggest scientific advance was the discovery of the death gene by Dr. Fiddle, a chiropractor from Porcupine Flats, Saskatchewan. After

The he had his picture on the cover of Time magazine and was written up in Scientific America, I interviewed the world-famous bone cruncher.

Jaron: Dr. Fiddle, exactly where is the death gene?

Dr. Fiddle: You're sitting on yours.

Jaron: It's in my bum?
Dr. Fiddle: No in your big toe.

You're sitting on your foot.

Jaron: What does the death genedo?

Dr. Fiddle: Basically it ticks away. After a certain number of ticks, your heart stops. You die.

Jaron: But you've defeated the death gene?

Dr. Fiddle: For now I've just cheated it. As a matter of fact, I'm quite pleased with my results. My device throws a monkey wrench into the death gene circuit.

Jaron: How?

Dr. Fiddle: The death gene, located in your big toe, continuously sends pulses to your brain, when your brain is filled up with enough pulses, it sends a death signal to your heart. What I've done is temporarily freeze the brain.

Jaron: And when the brain is frozen, it cannot receive death pulses

and you don't die

Dr. Fiddle: Oh, you die all right. Freezing the brain only postpones death.

Jaron: How do you freeze the

humour

Dr. Fiddle: Not difficult at all. My invention is about the size of a microwave oven.
But instead of heating things up, it freezes

them. You simply wear my invention like a deep sea diver's helmet over your head. I call my invention a brain cap.

Jaron: Is it awkward?

Dr. Fiddle: Not once you get used to it. Of course when you have it on, it's difficult to look out of portholes. That's about the only problem with my brain cap.

Jaron: But with a frozen brain, could you think?

Dr. Fiddle: No. But my research indicates that most of the things people do, do not require a brain. Activities such as sleeping, daydreaming, making cake mixes and listening to rap music can be performed as effectively with a frozen brain as a warm one.

Jaron: What about things such as computer programming and driving? Dr. Fiddle: Some of my biggest

Dr. Fiddle: Some of my biggest customers are computer nerds and taxi drivers. They can do their jobs just fine with brain caps.

Jaron: What about politics—for example, being prime minister of Canada?

Dr. Fiddle: Except for a few minutes driving to work you don't have to be conscious to run Canada. As a matter of fact, the prime minister just ordered 50 more of my brain freezers for his senior staff.

Jaron: How long can you postpone death for the average person?

Dr. Fiddle: Dunno. So far no one wearing a brain cap has died.

Jaron: But there must be times when certain people require unfrozen brains.

Dr. Fiddle: Absolutely. For example, when playing hockey. You really have to focus or you could get

creamed. Also, being a pickpocket requires total concentration. And, of course, sex. But those are about the only three things I can think of that need warm brains. And we're still doing research on sex.

Jaron: How's that?

Dr. Fiddle: Women seem to need to be awake to enjoy it. But we can't find any difference with men's level of satisfaction whether they're wearing one of my brain caps or not. 0

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Canadians have always viewed the RCMP as a cherished and dignified national symbol. But a string of controversy in recent years has led to a barrage of criticism regarding the tactics routinely used by Canada's national police force. From the conspiracy to bomb an oilfield shack in order to incriminate Weibo Ludwig, to the incredible 10-hour interrogation of Jason Dix, who was falsely accused of murder, the RCMP's conduct has become increasingly scrutinized in an increasingly public light. Has the force become overly politicized? Do the alleged problems run right to the top? *Vue Weekly* news editor Dan Rubinstein explores the recently contentious deeds of the RCMP, and finds out what experts on crime and law enforcement have to say on the subject. Opinions differ, but one fact is mercilessly clear: something must change, for a police force that has lost the confidence of the public is not a police force at all.

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Ember Swift • 20

Ember Swift is a woman who doesn't acknowledge categories—and that's probably a good thing, considering her mélange of musical styles defies. categorization. Swift prefers to remain independent anyway, making music she doesn't have to compromise in any way whatsoever. And if you were to ask the 24-year-old Toronto-based singer/songwriter how all this makes her feel, she would respond quite simply: it makes her happy.



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BY DAVID GOBEIL TAYLOR

Astronomic-Lee August

I'm beginning to understand why history has always held such a fascination with Nostradamus. His voluminous oracular writings (mostly in the form of quatrains, or four-line stanzas) are a fascinating mix of phenomenal specificity and maddening ambiguity. It's easy to dismiss prophecies as only accurate in hindsight, but when you actually sit down and read, for example, his prophecies about the rise and fall of Adolf Hitler and about the tragic destruction of the space shuttle Challenger, not only will you find them amazingly accurate, you'll find it difficult to imagine that they could refer to anything else

By far his most famous quatrain concerns the specifically-mentioned year 1999. An entire book could be written just about those 27 words-so the least I can do is write an entire article about them. And I will, I promise—but not this week. Instead, I'm going to focus on one small part of Nostradamus's millennial prophecy: the same part I focused on last week.

Nostradamus predicts that a great king of terror will descend from the sky; in last week's article, I discussed certain people's belief that this is referring to the Cassini space probe, which will be flying close to the earth exactly in the time frame mentioned in the quatrain (August 1999). It supposedly holds enough plutonium to kill every living thing on earth if an accident should

Well, lo and behold, another possible "king of terror" has recently come to light. Very recently: on April 16, almost exactly two months ago, Australian amateur astronomer Steven Lee was at a "star party" (gosh, that sound like oodles of fun) and happened to spot a comet. No one could figure out exactly which comet it was-soon they realized Lee had discovered a new celestial body, and it now bears his name (well, almost; NASA calls it "C/1999 H1/Lee").

Comet Lee is aperiodic, meaning it does not follow a predictable, elliptical orbit around the sun (astronomers call these "wild card" comets-I bet I could will the shirts off these nerd at poker). Granted, Lee hasn't been studied for very long, but NASA has so far been able to make it fit any of its predictive models, which work for every other one of the approximately 2,000 comets in the solar system.

NASA's official position is that the closest Lee will come to the earth is 77 million kilometres (by comparison, the sun is 93 million kilometres away). But in a recent press release, astronomers with the Millennium Group (a club of scientists without links to business or government whose mission statement is "to create an unbiased outlet for scientific research and critical thinking") warn that until NASA finds a mathematical model to predict Lee's movements. it shouldn't be so cocksure

At the very least, Comet Lee will cause explosions, or "coronal mass ejections" (CMEs), on the surface of the Sun, as all comets do-stargazers had a field day a few years ago watching Hale-Bopp's CMEs. This kind of solar activity has been closely linked to weather patterns on earth; during World War I, a group of British meteorologists sought to predict the weather

purely on the basis of solar activity, and the scientific community is only now starting to realize that they were startlingly accurate.

Large, spectacular CMEs have been thought to cause hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean, and they've even been linked to earthquakes. And remember: nobody knows exactly how close Lee is going to come to the Earth: should it come close enough, its own gravity could wreak havoc on terrestrial weath er, the dust particles in its tail could pollute the atmosphere, accelerating the greenhouse effect—or, although of course the chances against this scenario are, ahem, astronomically high, it could make prophets out of Hollywood screenwriters and crash into the planet. (A similar event is thought to have caused the extinction of the dinosaurs; and we human beings ain't nowhere

near as durable). It's an extraordinary coincidence that, whatever its trajectory, Lee will be in the earth's neighbourhood in August of this year-along with Cassini and the August 11 solar eclipse, that makes three very, very rare astronomical phenomena occurring the very same month Nostradamus predicted that something was going to happen in the

Other Nostradamus prophecies are full of references to fires in the sky, solar heat upon the seas, oceans boiling and cooking the fish, snowcaps instantaneously melting and "rainbows at night" (which could refer to auroras caused by CMEs). Nostradamus also makes numerous references to Phaeton's Chariot, a Greek myth about a young man recklessly riding the sun.

In another article, I'll look at Nostradamus and his famous millennial quatrain more closely. Such examination, I'm now convinced, is warranted: there are just too many coincidences

Jello lacks consistency

and generally enjoy it, especially you made a few changes a coup weeks ago. I was particularly exwhen I saw Jello Biafra on the covyour last issue ["Jello Biafra: The E

tion of a punk pioneer," June 3-9, 1999 I was sorely disappointed by quality of the interview and bythe in quality of the interview and bythe interviewer's gross incompetence. He we unprepared, having little backgroun information on Jello and no prepare questions. He was specifically asked that an Alternative Tentacles employee to in an Alternative Tentacles. an Alternative Tentacles employee to isten to jello's spoken-word CD, but he did not. He put it off to the last minute and then made a filmsy excuse for no having enough time.

When someone agrees to be interviewed, they are taking time out of the schedule for little or no benefit of the own. Mr. Biafra surely did not need to publicity this interview brought; he spread to it and the spread of the control of

an unprepared interviewer.

I am Surprised that Vue Weekly printed this full-page article, and ever more surprised that it should stick ou as the article to go on the front page. It is only minimally better than the Edmonton Journal's article on Jello where have surprised that it is the property of th where he was misquoted and his quote were ridiculously out of context. I sin cerely hope that interviewers in the future will get their act together so that readers like me will not be disappointed yet again.—ANNA STEINBERG

Hey, at least we still outclass the Journal mind you, we should probably set or sights a little higher than that. As I won in the article, the circumstances of the interview were unfortunate—but the were, in retrospect, avoidable. I he humbly promise to do better, so your be so disappointed next time. -E

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15. "Discover"s WEM

FOMONTON—Americans are such mange creatures

After the Discovery Channel ared a one-hour documentary on he West Edmonton Mall last week, WEM management was inundated a siew of e-mails, phone calls and xes from viewers impressed by the

It seems that hundreds of our neighbours to the south who previusly had no idea that WEM even visted are now, thanks to the mirae of cable television, pretty jacked bout the opportunity to visit our hopping shrine.

Elated by this tremendous esponse, mall management sent out press release boasting about the overwhelmingly large volume" of inquiries-and decided to further hare their joy by distributing a small umple of the e-mails they received in the documentary's wake.

"What we are interested in is the assance to there from where we live and whether or not it would be a feasible driving trip," wrote one amily from upstate New York. (The ame family confessed to holding the mistaken belief that Minnesota's Mall of America was the world's Jargest, adding: "Apparently, we were wrong.")

Another writer inquired about he attractions, hours, age limits and rices. More importantly, he wondered what currency is used in the hall and asked what the exchange tate is if U.S. money is used.

Then there was the wonderful nece of prose sent by a woman from North Carolina. "We had no idea on here to go this year on vacation," he began. "After watching a proram on the Discovery Channel... here is no question."

Well, maybe one small question: des she know how long it takes to trive from North Carolina to dmonton? - DAN RUBINSTEIN

ENVIRONMENT

Will you still feed me When I'm GM free?

LONDON, U.K.—Former Beatle Paul Accartney will ensure that the line of vegetarian food produced under late wife's name remains free of metically modified (GM) products, le Environment News Service eported late last week.

McCartney assumed responsibilof Linda McCartney Foods after te died of cancer in April 1998. ne company, a subsidiary of British od giant McVitles, is one of the nited Kingdom's biggest vegetariin food producers.

"Paul McCartney said he would fort it' in going totally GM free, and he has," said John Sauven, Green-Peace's U.K. campaign director. "He w leads the way in showing other producers that it is possible to wentirely GM free.

Critics of GM food say playing th crops like corn and soybeans at genetic level could have dangerous insequences down the road. They up of the possibility that superbugs.



could be released into our environment, and are wary of global agriculture developing a limited gene pool. They also worry about the unknown long-term effects to health from eating GM foods. —DAN RUBINSTEIN

Camp seeks green recruits

EDMONTON—Alberta youths interested in learning more about the environmental-activism movement-and in doing some acting of their own-are invited to attend the province's first-ever environmental activist camp this summer

Edmonton's EcoCity Society is sponsoring Ecotopia '99, which will take place August 10 to 19. Organizers hope to attract up to 30 youths between the ages of 16 and 22 to camp in a lodge on the shores of Wabamun Lake. "It's supposed to be a retreat where you immerse yourself in different environmental issues,

EcoCity, which exists to promote the idea of a greener Edmonton, decided to hold the camp after some of its members went to similar events in other provinces, including one last year in Winnipeg. For just \$50, attendees will be given accommodation of events and workshops.

'We want it to be truly accessible," says Karkhanis, explaining that fundraising auctions and raffles, plus grants like one they already received da's community animation fund, will

mental conservation sciences professor Jim Butler will lead a workshop activism in Alberta, and prominent labour activist Eugene Plawiuk will talk about corporate boycotts and the "green-red alliance" between environmental and labour groups.

Campers will also visit a community garden and attend a Food Not Bombs event. (Food Not Bombs holds free weekly servings in Edmonton of vegetarian meals made entire ly from "recovered" food that supermarkets and restaurants were going to throw away.) The North Sun also on the camp's agenda.

Ecotopia will stress the necessity for environmentalists to make connections with other movements, like native rights and labour, says Karkha-

nis. "We're trying to cover more topics and make more links than other similar camps," she says. "We want to make this more of a debate. We want people to think of issues through all perspectives, not just through a green filter."

Anyone interested in either attending or volunteering to help run the camp is asked to call the EcoCity office at 429-3659. - DAN

ENTERTAINMENT

Sam dogged by gaffe

TORONTO-What does Paul Bernardo have in common with the latest

Absolutely nothing, according to Walt Disney Studios, the company that had originally planned to release Lee's new movie, Summer of Sam, tangentially about serial killer David "Son of Sam" Berkowitz. Of course, Disney senior vice president of marketing Geoffrey Ammer made that denial after Daphne Swartz-a Toronto film publicist and employee of Disney's distribution wing, Buena marketing plan included a mention

refusing to respond to questions; all

have a tie-in with serial killers? comparisons with any other misfortunes. That was never an instruction. There is no marketing promotional tie-in plan."

According to Popcorn, Carlton rounding Summer of Sam, Buena Vista International (Disney's U.K distributor) has sold the distribution rights of the film to Downtown Pic tures, a small company that has yet to release a product from a major Hollywood studio.

Word of Swartz's gaffe did reach the ears of Debbie Mahaffy, whose Bernardo and his wife, Karta Homolka.

"It's a disgustingly elever way of marketing," said Mahaffy. "There's no honour. They're killing the victims' families slowly, because we're constantly being dragged back into the quagmire again." -DAN RUBIN-

DRUGS

Holy homegrown

OTTAWA-Everyone's favourite bearded, pot-smoking nude reverends are in the news again.

Reverend brothers Michael Bal-

dasaro and Walter Tucker of the Hamilton-based Church of the Universe have applied for permission to grow marijuana for the federal government's upcoming clinical trials. Their church espouses nudity and smoking dope as spiritual sacraments. The eccentric duo wants to turn the al Centre into a massive greenhouse to help supply Ottawa with enough quality homegrown for the tests.

In the House of Commons last effect on AIDS and cancer patients. Earlier, Rock had said that obtaining satisfactory quantities of quality marijuana might present a challenge

In support of their pitch, Baldasaro and Tucker pointed out that a currently locked up in the Guelph jail on charges of pot cultivation and is therefore an ideal candidate to, ahem, spark up the project. Brother Korneleis Klevering even has an agriculture degree, they say.

A spokesperson for Rock declined to comment on the Church's appli-

Around the same time as the brothers were making their offer, Rock took one of the largest steps drug policies, granting a pair of men special exemptions from federal drug laws. Last week, AIDS patients Jim Wakeford of Toronto and Jean-Charles Pariseau of Vanier, Quebec became the first Canadians to receive permission to cultivate and use marijuana for medical purposes.

"This is about showing compas sion to people, often dying, suffering from grave, debilitating illness," Rock told the House of Commons. -DAN

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BY LESLEY PRIMEAU

Striking distance

Who has the right to strike? Do nurses? Police officers? Firemen? And is there a difference between the right to strike and the right to discuss a strike?

This province's nurses have been subjected to the Klein government's wrath for years. system and by extension, the financial woes of the province. They have been berated, insulted, orchestrated publicity campaign against them aimed at the "average Albertan." The nurses, meanwhile, have been in negotiations with provincial health authorities for months; their demands include a whopping 14 per cent wage increase over the next two years, as well as improvements in patient-to-nurse ratio, patient safety and so on. There may be more-I'm not privy to the inner workings of the bargaining team.

But no matter what's being negotiated, the possibility of a nurses' strike looms over every bargaining session. However, since nurses are regarded as an essential service, they're not allowed to strike—a policy that immediately puts the nurses union at a severe disadvantage. If the province legitimately wanted to avoid a strike, wouldn't they reflect that fact in the way they about the possibility of striking if

However, the larger issue is that even talk about striking is illegal. Isn't it, you know, kind of a conversation? The counterargument, naturally, is that since striking is illegal, then talking about striking and working out the details of how a strike would take place ought to be illegal, too. But think it through-murder is illegal, but a guy who talks about killing someone in a fit of anger doesn't merit the same punishment as an actual murderer. If I plan the perfect robbery but am I just as culpable as someone who knocks over a Mac's store? I wish law enforcement officials who have suddenly become so the police instead of giving them the old speech about how they can only act on their husbands' actions, not their threats.

If talking about a nurses' strike really is illegal, how will we enforce this rule? Will we pay off spies to infiltrate their meetings? 'm sure the strike will be averted, but I'm concerned about the and the province, but to every citizen's right to assemble and, most of all, to our freedom of

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RICHARD BURNETT

remember my father and the boys during their Rat Pack prime in the 70s, a boozy era of ex-pats, soccer, mench crooner Joe Dassin and gorgeous women—notably Mom and her eight sisters, all stunningly beautiful Creole women from south-

One summer, my father was flipging burgers on the barbecue and emarked that apartheid had to be Ismantled soon if South Africa vanted peace. The whites and white-wannabes dismissed him, as though South Africa's hated pass ystem (under which coloured women weren't allowed in Johannesburg without a "pass") didn't affect them. Never mind the fact that my parents wouldn't even be flowed to so much as walk handin-hand there.

Then-and I remember this as clear as yesterday-Soweto exploded, just like dad always said it would. "On June 16, 1976, 15,000 schoolchildren gathered in Soweto o protest the government's ruling that half of all classes in secondary schools must be taught in Afrikaans," Nelson Mandela wrote in his 1994 autobiography, Long Walk to Freedom

"Students did not want to learn and teachers did not want to teach in the language of the oppressor,"

continued Mandela. "Pleadings and petitions by parents and teachers had fallen on deaf ears. A detachment of police confronted this army of earnest schoolchildren and without warning opened fire, killing 13year-old Hector Pieterson and many others. The children fought with sticks and stones, and mass chaos ensued, with hundreds of children wounded, and two white men stoned to death."

I mention this because I was raised to respect all human rights. After all, what are gay civil rights if they aren't part of the growing, global crusade for human rights?

In fact, when I watched my review copy of American filmmaker John Scagliotti's new documentary After Stonewall at my parents' place last weekend, my mom pointed out that the gay civil rights movement couldn't have happened without the civil rights movements for women and blacks before it (whose ranks, I might add, were filled with gay and lesbian activists).

After Stonewall, the sequel to Scagliotti's Emmy-winning 1984 doc Before Stonewall expertly documents the story of the gay-rights move-ment. "Everything changed after Stonewall," says narrator Melissa Etheridge at the start of the film, referring to the now-legendary Stonewall Riots of June 28, 1969, when NYC police carried out a latenight raid on the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay hangout, rounding up the usual suspects (mostly drag queens) and busting patrons with-

Technically speaking, the modern gay civil-rights movement has its roots in the ashes of World War IIthe war showed queer young allied recruits from rural villages around the world that they weren't the only

queer homosexuals on the planet. But it was at Stonewall that, after decades of harassment, queers finally

snapped and began fighting back.
The Gay Pride parade and festival, first held in New York City in 1970 to commemorate the riots, is now held every year in over 200 cities around the world.

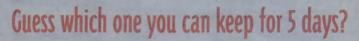
Unlike Before Stonewall, Scagliotti had no trouble finding source material for After-mainly because, as Scagliotti recently noted, with the onslaught of AIDS during the '80s, "History itself became an issue for the gay and lesbian communities. People started saving materials, photographs and artifacts. People started writing about their experiences.

Those include authors Jewelle Gomez, Rita Mae Brown, Larry Kramer and former Clinton presidential advisor David Mixner. After Stonewall contains interviews with dozens more historians, activists and ordinary people, as well as mesmerizing newsreel footage of the actual riots.

Still, it's the documentary's horrifying montage of the carnage in the wake of Anita Bryant's '70s anti-gay

"Save Our Children" crusade-the murders, the lynchings, the corpses found in torched bars and churches. not to mention the November 27. 1978 assassinations of San Francisco city councillor Harvey Milk and mayor George Moscone (whose son Jonathan publicly came out on his father's birthday last year)-that affected me the most. I know I wouldn't be doing what I do if it weren't for all of those activists in Canada and other countries who laid the groundwork for me.

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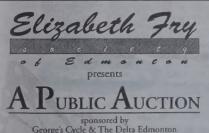


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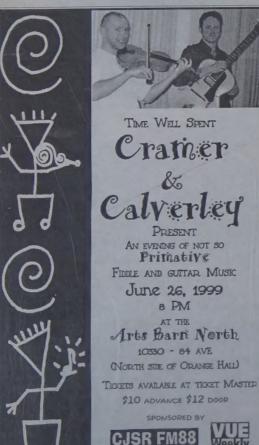








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DARK SIDE OF POLICE FORCE

BY DAN RUBINSTEIN

66 Are you a fucking parrot? Huh? I asked you a fucking question. I'm a man-don't fucking insult me. Do you understand what I said? ... Fucking answer me, you fucking parrot... Don't play this fucking trance bullshit with me! It's not my fucking fault you're sitting here, buddy!"

-RCMP Corporal Mike Ritchie to Jason Dix during his 10-hour interrogation

he intense interrogation session has dragged on for more than 10 hours and the police are getting frustrated. They've been interviewing their murder suspect for nearly half a day and still don't have much more information than when they began. And now the suspect has stopped talking.

"I didn't ask you that, Jason," the sixth cop to ask questions that day says calmly. "I asked if you understood what I said."

The suspect responds in a gravelly, deliberate voice: "On the advice of my lawyer," he says, "I have nothing further to..

"No, Jason," the officer interrupts. "You're not understanding me here. That's not the question I asked. I just asked if you understood what I said."

The suspect is leaning back in his chair, arms folded across his chest. "On the advice of my lawyer," he repeats, "I have nothing further to say."

'Are you a fucking parrot?" the policeman yells, just inches from the suspect's face. "Huh?" he "I asked you a fucking question. I'm a man-don't fucking insult me. Do you understand what I

Jason Dix spent two years of his life handcuffed to a trumpe

up double murder charge. With a national police force that

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RCMP BLUE

No, it wasn't RCMP Corporal Mike Ritchie's fault that Jason Dix faced that Sipowicz-style verbal barrage on July 16, 1996, six days after being arrested for the murders of James Deiter and Tim Orydzuk in a Sherwood Park recycling plant. Ritchie wasn't the officer responsible for building the case against Dix. He wasn't the one who decided to rely on information provided by questionable jailhouse informants, to lie to witnesses, to stage a murder in B.C. or to fly Dix to Toronto in an attempt to coax him into the world of organized crime.

So why did Ritchie's anger bo over that day? Why did he lose his cool? And, perhaps most impor tantly, why did the RCMP seems desperate, regardless of the facts, get their man-any man, so long at

they could send some body to jail?

After details of the unsettling Dix

case started surfacing last year, several critics have charged that Canada's national police force is out of control, that our men in red are running amol Look at the RCMP bombing of an oilfield shack in northern Alberta they later added. Was that a acceptable part of their attempt bring Wiebo Ludwig to justice? The force's supporters, of course, sal the RCMP are just doing their job a difficult job that, for the mo part, officers handle well. Bul comes the counter-volley, wha about the pepper-spraying incident at the APEC summit in Vancouver. Has the force become overly politically about the pepper summit in Vancouver. cized? Is that an example of pro lems extending to the very top?



RCMP

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WE ALWAYS

plx, as most Albertans likely know by now, was locked up for almost vears after being charged with double murder in Sherwood fark. After a mistaken initial determination of electrocution as the ause of death, it was ascertained that the victims were shot execution-style in the back of the headend police had to nail somebody for the crime. The forensic integrity of the murder scene had been hopelessly contaminated after the nitial blunder, and Dix was their only suspect. Over the course of two years, with only a tenuous motive and circumstantial facts wing Dix to the crime, police used more than 50 officers and spent countless thousands of dollars in the effort to gather evidence against him. Then their case went

Dix was set free last September when the Crown's case against him collapsed; the tape of his interrogation played a key role in exposing the RCMP's questionable investigative techniques. Now Dix is living and working as a technician in Calgary, trying to put his life back together. He's launched a civil suit against most of the parties linked to the prosecution: 22 RCMP offirers the RCMP commissioner and assistant commissioner, the provincial and federal governments, several cabinet ministers and four crown prosecutors. He's claiming nearly \$15 million in

in his statement of claim, Dix says police "conspired with each other and further intentionally abused their powers as RCMP police lears in the criminal investigation and prosecution." He also alleges that police tried to cover up their leads. In a statement of defence the deds. In a statement of defence the defence to the defence of the defence of

ney also, incredibly, deny Dix's claim that he suffered from his arrest, imprisonment and prosecution

UNIFORM LACK OF

It used to be that if you couldn't must a policeman, who could you trust?" says Peter Royal, the Edmonton lawyer who handled his's defence. He's talking not only about his client's case, but also about the overall lack of public confidence in the RCMP these

days. It's unfortunate, says Royal, because it means that some mem bers of the public might not readily cooperate with police during future investigations—and presents a serious problem for society

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"I've said it before and I'll say it again," says Royal. "In the Dix case, the RCMP were, in my assessment, lawless. They seemed to think they were a law unto themselves. I sense some desperation perhaps, on the part of police, and perhaps some lack of direction in the higher levels. It just seems to me that the force is not being properly watched over."

The outgoing president of the Alberta Criminal Trial Lawyers Association (ACTLA) agrees with Royal's assessment. Charles Davi son, an Edmonton lawver whose term ended this week, has called for either a public or a judicial inquiry into RCMP wrongdoings in Alberta. Citing both the Ludwig and Dix cases, Davison wrote a let ter to Premier Ralph Klein earlier this year asking for an inquest into what he called the "systemic" problems in the RCMP—extending all the way up to the department of the Attorney General.

The only response so far, says Davison, was a "steaming" letter from then-justice minister Jon Havelock, a letter that essentially ignored the arguments in favour of an inquiry. Davison recently wrote to new Justice Minister David Hancock repeating his demands. But he's not expecting an answer any time soon, especially after hints that the government wants to wait until the glacier-paced Ludwig/Richard Boonstrattial wraps up before deciding what action, it any, to take.

"Do we want to wait until we have a major scandal here?" asks Davison. "I still see this as a somewhat pressing need. You're not supposed to be able to break the law, even if you're a cop." And it's not just one or two officers whose activities are in question, says Davison. That's why he wants some sort of broad review. "I think the answers lie in an inquiry-type setting," he says.

DEMUTH EDITION

The president of the Alberta Civil Liberties Association, however, isn't so sure. Stephen Jenuth, a Calgary lawyer, says it's easy to claim that the RCMP is out of control. But that's not an accurate characterization, he feels. The Ludwig oilfield bombing, for instance, is consistent with the type of covert action the force takes on other important cases. "It think maybe they went over the line in what they did," explains Jenuth, "but more in what they did with the media than the actual bombing. I think it was more sloppiness than anything else."

What Jenuth is worried about, though, is increased public pressure on the Mounties to solve every crime. That's what pushes them into working with jailhouse informants who might have ulterinformants who might have ulterinformatives, he says. That's what pushes them into bad decisions. "We as Canadians want to see people captured for every offence," says Jenuth. "That does not bode well for our communities, our country. There's a law-and-order agenda out there, and it's being used and abused by politicians and by the people who make the important decisions."

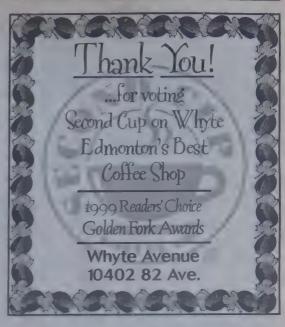
Gray Iones, director of the province's branch of the Western Canadian Wilderness Committee, an environmental activist and friend of Wiebo Ludwig, puts it more succinctly. Alberta, he argues, is rapidly becoming a "corporate plutocracy." When he sees the government, the RCMP and the Alberta Energy Company working hand-in-hand to build a case igainst a suspected "eco-terrorist" like Ludwig, he sees one of the fundamental tenets of democracy under attack. "For the law to function," Jones says, "the police should be neutral. Their job is to collect evidence. What they've been doing is immoral, unethical and illegal."

MAKING DUE SOUTH

Jenuth says RCMP officers are generally decent people who do a decent job. Only sometimes, he says, they're told to do things that are wrong. "They're still of the attitude that they have to get around the Charter of Rights," he says "not that they have to embrace it." Within the next decade or so, Jenuth predicts that the force's attitude will change toward a more just style of policing as new officers come in and older ones retire.

Others, like Jones, feel the RCMP needs to adopt a more arm's-length relationship with government in order to break up what he calls an "unholy alliance." They have to be completely accountable to the Canadian public, he says, lest more mistakes like the APEC incident occur. But there seems to be resistance from both police and government against making their inner workings more transparent, and that concerns even lawyers like Davison. "We certainly should be proceeding with our eyes open," he says.

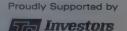
As journalist Paul Palango wrote in his 1998 book The Last Guardians: The Crisis In The RCMP ... and in Canada, "If Canada is to survive intact, it must have strong federal public institutions which are driven not by commercial interest, but rather by the disinterest of a true guardian. That is and must continue to be the role of the RCMP in Canada. But, as we have seen, the RCMP is under siege, and must be saved. Without the RCMP, Canada as an independent, unified nation is at risk, because there are no other protectors of the greater good."

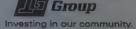




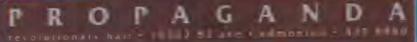














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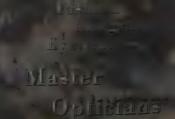
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Flash back to the '60s

Groovy duds are back in, man

BY HEID! MEEK

It's easy to identify past decades simply by their fashions: from the tube dresses of the 1910s to the flapper outfits of the '20s, from the unornamented dresses of the 130s and '40s (thanks to the temands of the war effort) to the new-look poodle skirts of the prosecutor '50s.

The '60s were the years when a youth movement, flower power and resistance to the Vietnam War resulted in a very rebellious and fee-pirited style of dressing, Influential designers of the period like Mary Quant made their mark by sing materials such as vinyl and jastic in their clothes—a common bouch today, but one that was conjudered quite outrageous three decades ago. The miniskirt was ted in the '60s, as were the ine-flowing styles that went into me hipple look. The-dyed articles of bothing as well as bedspreads and buttains were all the

Unisex dressing become popular among those in the antiwar movement.

me artival involvement, lans were worn by both men and somen, and getting back to nature was paramount. Even hairstyles bould make a rebellious statement; grents were appalled at the length if young men's hair and the new, gatremely laid-back, comfortable ishions. Free-spirited granola girls often sported patch-work skirts and floral-printed tops. Music played a huge role in shaping the movement's ideals: at Woodstock, non-constricting clothing was worn by the thousands, allowing for free movement and dance. Hair was parted down the middle and loned straight.

Flash forward to 1999, and this rebellious and carefree look is once more an inspiration for designers. This year, American designer Anna Sui's entire collection was based on peasant tops, long, flowing skirts and bright patchwork ponchos.

Oscar de la Renta and Bill Blass, traditionally very conservative designers, also jumped on the hippie bandwagon this year. They presented spring collection:

that may not have been as flamboyant as Sui's, but which used natural fabrics such as linen, flax,

unbleached muslin and India crinkle cotton, conjuring up the Summer of Love just as effectively. Models floaten and ed down the runways wearing healthy glowing makeup and Birkenstock sandals or bare feet to convey the free and easy feeling to the public. Crowns of fresh blossoms and floral printed bandanas

adorned their hair.

Rose models **groovy** garb

excited to see this era revived than others—everybody knows somebody who was so profoundly affected by the original '60s that they never really gave up some of the trends, anyway. I can understand this passion. Who wouldn't want to be part of this groovy movement and join the great consciousness of the cosmos?

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on Kirlian camera

Is controversial technique a gimmick or a diagnostic tool?

BY TERESA DHARMA

here has been a longstanding controversy over Kirlian pho tography, whose practitioners claim to produce images of the auras

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of living things. Some just another one of those gimmicks and gadgets that undermine

the holistic health movement; others say it has the potential to be a viable diagnostic tool.

A few months ago, I heard about a photographic study on the auras auric field, for example, was said to be completely chaotic I put these findings to the test on the physical plane and eliminated garlic, one of

within a matter of weeks, I was calmer and more focused, and even was a lot clearer and that I was easi

meant I was in a receptive mood as I attended Life Electric '99, an international conference on energy, aura and Kirlian photography. Hosted by Agnnes Kraweck and Colin Maxwell of Triune-Being Research Organiza-

tion Ltd., the event tioners and re searchers from around the globe.

While Armenian electrician and part-time inventor Semyon Kirlian was working for a hospital in Krasnodar, Russia in 1939, he discoved by chance the effect that would later be named after him. While repairing a diathermy pad (which produces high-voltage electric currents used to produce heat in deep body tissue as a treatment for ailments such as

tion; he constructed a device that allowed him to photograph objects placed in a high-frequency electrical ous glow emanating from his fingertips had shown up on the photographic plate, Kirlian continued to experiment and perfect different methods of photographing both live and inanimate objects. His work been insisting for thousands of years: that all living things are surrounded by an invisible aura.

Exposure to the unknown

Kirlian's findings may sound a little unlikely, but there's a wealth of scientific data underlying them. The Kirlian camera is basically a glorified Polaroid camera with an attachment that sends a mild electrical charge through the object being filmed. A long sleeve over the film plate pre-

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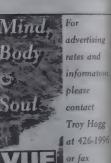
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BY DAVID DICENZO

ludwig and the angry inches

the world of sports loves a good lighte; some are downright dreadful, while others make a certain amount a sense. "We gotta take it one ame at a time"—that's one of the lugid ones. No shit; how else can ou take it? But one cliché I've ways thought was pretty profound the line about how every sporting ontest "is a game of inches."

The Dallas Stars ought to have o problem wrapping their heads found that one. For a team enowned for disciplined play, the ig old Texans let the wheels fall off pops, there's another one) last pesday night. The Buffalo Sabres apitalized on two Stars miscues on heir way to a 2-1 home-ice win, vening up the Stanley Cup final 2-Stars D-man Shawn Chambers iled to keep a puck in the Buffalo and (it hopped over his stick—by a puple of inches) and the lightningast Geoff Sanderson raced in and ndressed Ed Belfour to give the ahres a 1-0 lead. The game-wingoal was blasted home by ixon Ward after Dallas's ancient fefender Craig Ludwig coughed up pack in front of Belfour. Okay, so hat one was more than a matter of nches, but if Ludwig had gotten lat puck by Ward, the Stars might

Those incidents are two glaring tramples of how a single mistake can liter the course—more than the burse, the final result—of a game. It indeed a game of inches—and if the labres go on to win the Stanley Cup, bey can look at Dallas's game four trewups as a huge contributing faction. And after all, winning isn't everyties; it's the only thing.

The door is Open

inchurst 2, the North Carolina site if this year's U.S. Open, will issuredly make the world's best

golfers look silly this week. It always happens at an Open on account of courses with jungle-like rough and greens that make putting nigh impossible. Any golf fan with a heart has sentimental reasons for wanting Tom Lehman to win the Open—the poor guy has been in the final pairing on Sunday for the past four years, but disaster has struck every time. I hope he does well.

But the guy I'd love to see win is David Duval. He recently suffered second-degree burns on his hand after fumbling a pot of boiling water. This week, he sliced open the blisters in order for them to heal faster. That's pretty tough—for a golfer.

My question is, after shattering

My question is, after shattering the record for PGA earnings in one season last year, and following four wins already this year, why was Duval making coffee for himself?

Zenmaster Phil

You can't blame a guy like Phil Jackson for signing a monster deal to coach the Los Angeles Lakers. Hell, if someone offered you six or seven mil a year, what would you do? But when you sit down and think about it, is Jackson really as good as advertised? His record is undeniable—in nine years, he compiled an astounding 545-193 record (and that's not even in the playoffs) and won a mittful of NBA titles. Of course he had some help, seeing as that guy with the wagging tongue played for most of those nine years.

I'm not arguing that Jackson isn't a great coach, or that he's unworthy of the money. All I'm saying is that his record might be a little inflated because of the personnel (okay, one guy) he had at his disposal. Some see Jackson as one of the all-time greats, but his legacy could very well be as the coach Michael Jordan was most content with—and not much more. Really, when MJ starts 82 regular season games for you, chances are you'll win about 80 per cent of them, whether it's Phil Jackson, Pat Riley or some sloppy high school coach at the helm

I like lackson, I think he's an intelligent guy with some pretty decent insights into basketball and life. But how great a coach he is can only be measured this time next year. If the Lakers are still playing, then I better wear mint-flayoured socks.

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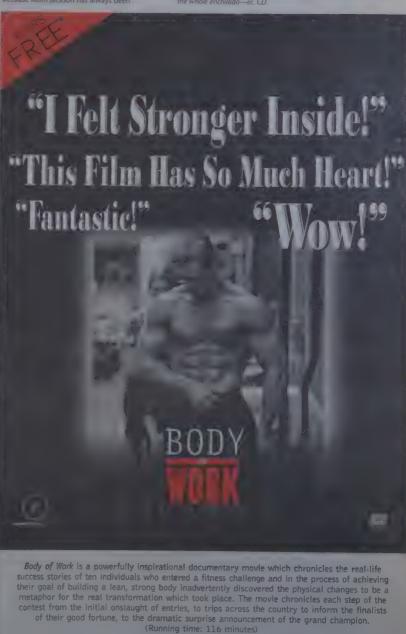
The new Lakers coach isn't the only lackson in the news this week. Sevently-year-old Keith Jackson is coming back to the broadcasting booth after a mini-retirement which lasted six months. He'll be back on ABC in a part-time role, covering Pac-10 college football games.

That's a good thing, and the reason why is simple. It's not just because of the "Whoa, Nellie"s or the exciting TD run calls ("He's at the 25, the 15, the 5... Touchdownnnnn")—it's because Keith Jackson has always been

prepared to offer smart criticisms of the sporting world and its more dubious practices. For example, he's a proponent of freshman ineligibility, arguing that first-year college athletes should be red-shirted so they can get acclimated to school life. Sports needs more guys like Keith Jackson.

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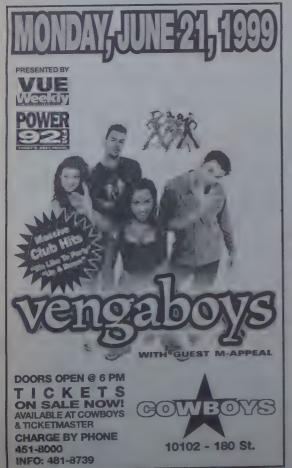


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BY DAVID GOBEIL TAYLOR

Tuba-ular, dude!

Albertasaurus Tuba Quartet • Convocation Hall • June 19, 8pm There are quite a few standard formats for classical chamber music ensembles the string quartet is the most obvious example, but there are other groupings. There are common arrangements, such as piano trios (which, despite their names, only feature one piano—the other instruments are usually violin and cello) and woodwind quintets (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn-I know, I know, the latter instrument isn't made of wood, but I'm not the one who decides these things). Then there are less common permutations.

Like the tuba quartet

Yes, you read that right. Four tubas. (Well, actually, two of them are slightly smaller instruments called euphoniums, but they're still part of the tuba family.) The immediate mental image might be one of a torpid, ponderous, closing-time-at-Oktoberfest oom-pah-pah band (well, more oom than pah, for obvious reasons), but that's far from the

The euphonium is sort of like a tenor tuba; its four-and-a-half-octave range rivals that of any instrument; adding the lower two instruments gives you an ensemble whose average note might be lower in pitch and harder to distinguish than most, but it's still one with wonderfully expressive potential, and a lot of originality benefit.

In high school band, the tuba was always given to the slow, fat, lazy kid with big stubby fingers; but in professional circles, it's a fiendishly difficult instrument to play. For one, it takes a lot of breath, and its embouchure (the way the lips vibrate together to generate sound) is equally tiring; try giving a constant raspberry for a couple of hours and you'll see what I mean.

The tuba has started to take off as a solo instrument this century, as composers looked to expand their sonic possibilities (plus there's the practical consideration that violinists have a huge repertoire of world-famous dead composers to turn to,

while tuba players, whose possibilities are more limited, are more limited to commission works). And the tube quartet has grown in popularisince the 1970s; most of its repetoire consists of arrangements classical, jazz and pop pieces (there a published arranger named Daw Woodcock who actually seems specialize in tuba quartets; maybe in has four strapping, big-hande sons). But there are an increasin number of serious original works in the unfortunately-titled "Tuplo num" by Hungarian composer Frigy.

Among the world's profession tuba quartets are Kentucky's the for Horseman Quartet, the Alabam Quartet, the Oxford Quartet U.S. Nawy's West Point Quartet, the Swiss Quartet (whose recording Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of it Bumblebee" has to be heard to believed) and the most renowned them all, the Dutch Tuba Quartet (apparently the instrument is qui popular in Holland—they even cel brate national Tuba and Euphoniu Day on January 16).

Add to these ranks one home grown ensemble, the Albertasauri Tuba Quartet, made up of the for

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vents external light sources from entering. To take a Kirlian photo, the subject places the fingertips of his or her right hand directly on the photographic plate. The first exposure reveals a "normal" or "reference" state; the subject then moves her fingers approximately half an inch farther down on the plate, and is asked to think a happy thought before the next exposure is taken. The fingers move down the plate a bit further for the third photo (while the subject conjures up a "frustrating" thought) and the process is repeated once more as the subject concentrates on being one with the universe.

The film records the pattern of electric discharges from the subject, which appear as a halo of light in any of a variety of possible colours. The photos are then interpreted according to the premise that the images reflect our mental, physical, emotional and intuitive bodies. Distortion of the halos suggests energy

interference or blockage of energy. An informed practitioner can examine which meridians these blockages appear in and offer the subject certain diagnostic suggestions.

Photos make you look positively glowing

Judging from the test samples I had taken at the conference, it seems that the colour variation and brightness of the halos is affected by the combined energy of the subject and that of the practitioner taking the pictures. Photos Kraweck took of me showed strong psychic activity, while photos taken by another practitioner showed a more generalized psychic presence. Yet another practitioner turned up healing abilities in my photo, and the colouring was yet again completely different. Subsequent tests I ran seemed to suggest that the mental and emotional meridians were specific to the exact moment they were taken. An inter-nal shift in thought processes can produce different aspects in the halos within a matter of minutes

The Kirlian camera can be extremely useful as a demonstration the effect your thinking has on vi physical and spiritual well-bei There is an abundance of literate and research that suggests our experience is a reflection of thoughts and our actions, and Kir photography offers one more demostration of this fact. "Take a look what's right with the human and th amplify it," says Kraweck. "Every looks at what's wrong. I've never go to a medical establishment and them say, 'You look so good! Let down and chat!' To make a whole it you, you have to look at the good you and amplify it. Otherwise, look at yourself as broken and t you go the other way."

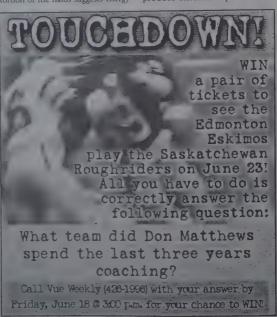
Kirlian photography is not with out its detractors, but unlike man controversial theories, it aftom skeptics the chance to judge iphysical evidence on its own men by going and having a photo take of their auras. After all, a picture worth a thousand words.

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The secret of Brad Bayley's Success

freewheelin' folkie has his target audience pegged

BY NICOLA SIMPSON

it," proclaims singer/songwriter Brad Bayley, and he's speaking from experience. By some of Alberta's best musicians and performers, including Jann

rden, Maren Ord and Mike Lent. The cover of Suc-

graphics some of the flustration Bayley has felt during his career over being a square peg in a found hole. But he'd rather be a square peg than a round one.

"There's a feeling now that Gordon Lightfoot wouldn't get signed today," says Bayley. "Everything's more cookie-cutter; it's got to fit into this marketing niche or they don't know what to do with it. I mean, would Paul Simon get to make Graceland if he wasn't Paul Simon? I didn't want an album where every song sounded the same, but sometimes the decision-makers want to stay within a certain genre."

Bayley's quarters

But at least audiences' musical tastes are wider now than they were 20 years ago, Bayley admits. From metal to hip hop, alternative to bluegrass,

there are a lot more square holes out there for offbeat musicians to fit into. "Unfortunately." Bayley says, "when you have so many genres, you still get placed somewhere."

"My first album was more country," he explains, "but it still had that middle-of-the-road feel and a rootst tone. The new album is more folksy. I'm not trying to be eclectic just to be eclectic, though." Even today, Bayley has a hard time pinning his style

down. And so dld his producers. According to Bayley, "Capitol Records [who produced his first CD] sort of said, 'We don't know where to sell him, so cut him loose." It may have been the best thing that ever hap pened to him.

A Thornberry at his side

Or maybe the best thing that ever happened to him was watching an Alberta musician named Russell Thornberry. Thornberry had a T\ show in the early '70s, and Bayley remembers it well." I must have been 10 or 12 when I saw him," he recalls, "and I said, 'I want to do that." Though Thornberry left the music business not long after the show left the air, he remained a strong influence in Bayley's career Even one of the tracks on Success. "Miss January," is a Thornberry song—"Although," Bayley says, "I did it more as a bluegrass thing Then one day, my wife told me that he lives down the road from us in

Caroline. She gave him a demo tape and he gave it to George Blondheim." The rest is history

Like Thornberry, Bayley devotes much of his time to songwriting. "I prefer writing for sure. Bob Dylan and I have the same stage show," he jokes, "only he's a little less wood en." For the MTV generation, it might be difficult to understand how image and music weren't always intertwined But Bayley insists that marketing an image isn't always what's important.

"It's about what you write." he says. "No matter how great you are in your day, they're going to remember what you write, not your sex appeal. I want to write what I write, not just write something for commercial success."

But Success is what he's made. And as Tom Petty once said, "If it's good. It'll find its place." Even if it's in a round hole.

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BY GARY MCGOWAN

Well, Marley's dead, to begin with



One Fever • Fox & Hounds • Fri, June 18 "You know the Bob Marley compilation disc Legends?" asks One Fever singer/songwriter Lisa B. "Well, that's what we do." The Edmonton reggae cover band formed some months back when core members Lisa B., lead singer John Ujong and bassist Humberto Medeiros jammed at a local open stage. "We all found we had a certain empathy for reggae," says Lisa B., "so we thought it might be fun to put something together."

One Fever played their first show at one of the city's Chapters stores. Response was good, so the band has continued to gig. "I think what people respond to is our diverse backgrounds," speculates Lisa B. She's a folk-influenced singer/songwriter who's released one CD. Ujong is an English teacher from Nigeria. Bassist Medeiros played with local reggaemeister Frank Carroll, as has featured lead guitarist Chris Durrand. One Fever's current drummer, Devon Perry, hails from the sacred reggae soil of Jamaica. "The diversity gives our band a neat spiritual connection," says Lisa B. "and as the millennium approaches, people seem to be digging that vibe.

Somewhere, the spirit of Bob Marley looks down upon One Fever and smiles.

It ain't the miaso, it's the motion



Kubasonics • City Media Club • Fri, June 18 Musicians invariably make some sort of sacrifice for the sake of their art. The Kubasonics' Brian Cherwick went further than most; he was arrested in pursuit of his music—in the former Soviet Union.

"I'd obtained a scholarship from what I presume was a department of the KGB so I could go to Ukraine to study the music," laughs the holder of a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from the U of A. "I went to an area I wasn't permitted to be in so I could check out this wedding

band." Cherwick had to do some serious explaining to get himself and his friends off the hook when the real KGB took exception to his unauthorized excursion. "I paid a \$50 fine for myself and my buddies," he says, thereby keeping himself out of the gulag.

Back on Canadian soil, Cherwick has not only managed to complete his Ph.D. (he finished two weeks ago), but he's also about to issue his band's first CD. "The Kubasonics try to apply contemporary styles to traditional Ukrainian music," he says, "and give the whole thing a light-hearted spin." The group's name is an obvious tip-off that this is far from a dry, academic project.

The Kubasonics have been seen at folk festivals like the North Country Fair and the Dawson City Folk Festival in the Yukon in year's past. The band's Friday-night release of their debut CD Miaso ("the Ukrainian word for meat," snickers Cherwick) will help elevate the group's profile. "We've been working on this disc for a while at our bassist's studio," says Cherwick. Kubasonics bass player Bill Yacey has a home facility north of St. Albert called Sturgeon Valley Studio where the group took its time creating Miaso. "We've even inked a distribution deal with a Ukrainian music label from Montreal called Yevshan, " he says

Given the strong interest in different styles of ethnic music among today's music fans, why hasn't there been more interest in Ukrainian music? After all, Western Canada is one of the world's strongholds of Ukrainian culture. "Like the old saying goes," Cherwick sighs, "a man becomes an expert when he's 100 miles from his hometown."

There's nothing wrong with appreciating music from, say, the townships of South Africa. But why not some world music that hails from a quarter section near Andrew, Alberta? On Friday night the Kubasonics will play the tsymbaly (a hammered dulcimer), the lira and the Ukrainian bagpipes as they unleash Mioso on the world—and you won't get arrested for checking out the show.

Solitude's standing

Innate • The Rev • Fri, June 18 The boys of innate are frustrated. "We're sitting on a CD that we feel can open doors for us," says drummer Taylor Bruneski, "and it won't be coming out for a month or two yet." Not that frustration is a bad thing. A sense of discontent has fueled some fine rock 'n' roll music over the years. It's just that for Innate, that feeling is completely focused around the unreleased disc.

Innate traces its history to a band called Weed Feen. That group worked the skate-punk musical turf in the mid-1990s before things fell apart in 1997. Kelly Dodd was Weed Feen's lead singer, and, remembers Bruneski, "As Kelly got more frustrated with Weed Feen his wife suggested he call up other people to see if he could get something else going on."

Innate is the result of all those phone calls. Besides Bruneski and Dodd, the band consists of bassist Meck Meyers and guitarist Joe Gomashe. "We were officially formed on New Year's Eve 1997," Bruneski says, "and we played our first gig four months later at Area 51."

The band didn't waste much time before plunging into the recording studio. "We did a whole bunch of songs in the CJSR studio with Brent Oliver producing," says Bruneski. The completed tapes were mastered at Homestead Recorders by Barry Allan. The disc already has a title (Solitude);

it just doesn't have a release that "We know for sure it will be sometime in July or August and Bruneski, a mixture of hope and wiction in his voice.

Innate's Korn/Tool/Kyuss biof high-energy new metal certalends itself to expressions of mand frustration. So what's goinhappen when Solitude is I released? "Knowing that the almost out has changed our mosays Bruneski. "I think we're moving from anger to sommore divine." Divine? Brunquick to add that Innate's I night gig won't turn into 1970s-style art-rock show. "Iureverybody this will be a bravall," he laughs.

Feast touches bass



Feast • Sidetrack Café • Sat June "We just got the disc ball of weeks ago," sighs Dave Aig to boardist for Feast. "But we've as ready for months."

Aide may sound tired, but sexcited about the possibilitie new disc could hold. Over a gruelin six-month period with producer fillic Cristofoli, the band laid down the brand of funky soul, obsessed wit getting the sound right while battlin a heavy dose of self-doubt. The fin product is the bass-heavy loveknow edge, and it manages to perfectly calture the Feast experience.

"I was really worried about disc and how it was going to dadmits Aide, who formed the with vocalist/bassist Malaika Barrii over a year ago. "I went back a coup of weeks ago and gave it a listen, an I was surprised with how good it a sounded."

Using acts like Jamiroqual at their inspiration, Aide says he at his bandmates—Barriffe, guitad Curtis Ross, drummer Bill Georg and percussionist Michael Loomes spent a fair bit of time exploring different spaces in order to capture the right bass sound. With Cristofol help, they managed to secure the bottom end Feast's brands thumpin' funk requires. It also hel that Cristofoli has played with sul luminaries as local metal madmit the L.A.M.S. "He was great to wo with," laughs Aide.

Now with the disc in the hands people, the obvious next step is introduce it to the masses. The hand handling the distribution themselve making sure they get the CD into tright hands. Their release party at 15 Sidetrack this Saturday will ensure plenty of us locals will get a chance or a copy.

grab a copy.

"We hope to go full-time with Uband this summer," says Aide. "Bwe had to hold off making plans in we got the CD."

Well, beats working at McDi ald's. —Dave Johnston

Play bluegrass, meet guy Summer Solstice • Wilton Par near Calmar, Alberta • Sat, June The Northern Bluegrass Circle Mid Society has a mandate to promib bluegrass music. They do a good

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prit, too. The Society's weekly "Cirwednesday night at the Fiddler's post on 99 St., has not only me a focal point for local blue-1855 aficionados, but the gathering has also directly led to the formation several bands. "Maple Creek, Crital Grass and Grass Routes all Insmed out of the weekly Circle boasts Carol Newlove, vicedent of the society.



This weekend, the society raises the urtain a bit on the wonderful world of luegrass when it stages its third annual ummer Solstice event in Wilton Park Basically," says Newlove, "we're invitng the public to join us for a bigger, outdoor version of the Circle Jam.

"On Friday night we're inviting weryone to set up camp and either enjoy or take part in the 'parking lot picking' that usually breaks out all er the campsite," explains Newlove. On Saturday many of the local bluegrass groups will be playing more fornal concerts beginning at 1 p.m. and aring through until midnight."

One of those local bands is Maple Creek. Singer/guitarist Dawn and says she's looking forward to raning at this year's show: "The 6. is a lot of fun because for me reason bluegrass winds up as very family-oriented music and is becoming very familiar with he whole family thing. She'll marry Maple Creek fiddle player Brad Ovi att two weeks after the band's Sum ner Solstice appearance. "Yes," she

laughs, "we met at the Circle Jam, Maple Creek formed there and now I'm going to marry Brad. So you might say I've personally got a lot out of bluegrass music."

Attendance at this weekend's Summer Solstice show won't necessarily lead to domestic bliss, but it should still be a fine introduction to this venerable and uplifting form of traditional music

Represented by two separate yet equally important groups



Molestics • New City Likwid Lounge • Thu, June 24 This week I committed a cardinal sin. Well, besides my usual daily routine of pride, covetousness, lust, gluttony, envy, wrath and, of course, lust. What did I do that was so unforgivable? I called a musician for an interview... before noon. (All together, now: "Gasp!")

"Actually," sais Molestics lead singer Mike Soret, "I'm just doing my usual morning thing, which is watching Law and Order." After determining that the day's show wasn't a landmark episode, Soret agreed to talk about the Molestics' pending move from Vancouver to Toronto.

"It's all because of my girlfriend," he moaned. "I went out with her for six years and when we were out on the last tour she found another guy. I'm an emotional person and I always said if that happened to me I'd be out of here." And Soret isn't alone in the heartbreak department. "The drummer's girlfriend recently went back to California, the sax player's girlfriend dumped him and even though they're still friends, the guitarist's girlfriend is going to India." Talk about a convergence of bad luck.

Soret was definitely on a roll by this point of the conversation. "After

all of that, we're billing this as the Molestics 'Broken Heart Tour.' I'm try ing to deal with it by getting Into shape because that way maybe I'll. meet somebody new. I mean I'll still be a bag of shit, but at least I'll be a good-looking bag of shit."

Improving his physical condition also won't hurt Soret's already highly charged live performance. His punk style onstage antics, combined with the Molestics' dance-driven spin on early- and mid-century swing music has made the band Western Canadian

The Molestics released an indie CD called Manufacturing Hokum last Decem ber, but Soret feels the group has already moved beyond the music on that disc. "We've been writing a lot," he said, "and I think we're finally getting the hang of it." In fact, he said the band has never been pleased with any of their recordings. "We've been doing some live-off-the-floor stuff in the last few weeks that I like, but we'll see what hap pens when we get to Toronto."

The Molestics are making the move east with a new membe "We've added a piano player named Waylen Miki to the lineup," Soret said, "so we're now a six-piece." He also mentioned that the band has been introducing more of a Latin flavour into its music. "Hey," he laughs, "our only constant is that all our songs are

With a new manager and agent waiting in Toronto and the prospect of some U.S. shows on the horizon, life looks good for the Molestics. "As long," Soret interjects, "as I'm able to love again." 0



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best tubists in the province: the ESO's John McPherson and Scott Whetham and the Calgary Philharmonic's Dave Reid and Mike Eastep.

In their upcoming concert they'll play a mixture of their own arrangements of Beethoven, Verdi, Chopin and Massenet, among others; this will be a rare chance to hear them, as the Albertasaurus quartet doesn't perform very often (it's a fact of life when your members live in different cities).

They'll have to start playing together more regularly, however, if they want to impress at the June 2000 World Tuba and Euphonium Conference in Regina, the first time a Canadian city has hosted the event.

At \$8, tickets are about the same as a movie—and you're sure to have an experience that's far more memorable and original than the standard Hollywood cookie-cutter crap. Oh, well, perhaps I shouldn't be so critical or make such apple-orange cross-genre comparisons. It's just that where the tuba is concerned, everything's a low blow. @

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Don't believe the hyphens

Singer belongs to any club that'll have her as an Ember

BY DAN RUBINSTEIN

olk-punk-jazz-classical-reggaefunk: Ember Swift has heard them all. Repeatedly. But the 24-year-old Toronto-based singer/songwriter doesn't complain when people describe her sound with a series of hyphenations. It's better than being constantly compared to talented-yet-dissimilar artists like Ani DiFranco. And, Swift concedes, she kind of is a hyphenated person.

ed person.

"It keeps people guessing, which is probably good," the sweet-volced Swift says over the phone from Toronto, where her band is polishing its act before embarking on an ambitious eight-week summer tour. "People like to put things in categories so they can put a lid on it and walk away. But my lid won't stay down."

With a new CD to showcase and a 46-gig road map from Ontario to the west coast, not to mention her own record label, Few'll Ignite Sound, Swift's can is indeed full these days. Her life is filled with Post-It notes—reminders to mail out

call bookers and line up more shows, to write instructions for the employee who'll be running the office all summer. She's neck-deep in business and

promo packages, to



music, and she wouldn't have it any other way.

Little Miss Marker

Permanent Marker, which won't officially hit the streets until September, is Swift's fourth independent release. Her first two, 1996's self-titled debut and 1997's InsectInside, were solo records; the next two, including last year's Can't Corner Me, were with a band. For the new disc,

trombone players
Danny Paradise
(yes, it's a stage
name) and John Jowett
employee joined Swift, violin/bass player Lyn-

joined Swift, violin/bass player Lyndell Montgomery and new drummer Cheryl Reid in the studio for just

three days. The result, like the disc, is virtually live off the fle with only a few harmonies add after the fact.

"It seems fuller than the la album," explains Swift, who is on ously proud of the 13-track projection." The quality of the vocals is ma pure. And I think the songwrithas become more evolved. That pat on the back, I know. I do be to keep advancing. But one of things I wanted to do was be me clear and direct with my lyrics. a I think I'm getting there."

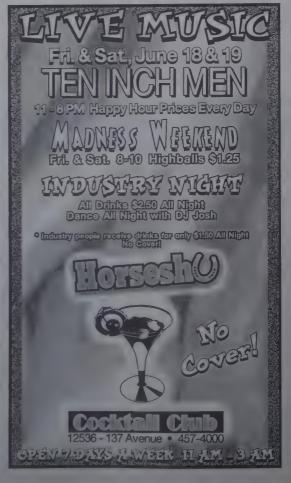
I think she's getting there, he "Rules," for instance, begins withe jab that "This song is dedicate a culture in support of the paid by-number music hit of the 1990 Later on, her voice soars above band's eclectic instrumen arrangement as she asks, "Do believe in a value that's never rebeen appraised?"

It's a song directed at the scriptive" music industry, says Swi world she's never been tempter join. Sure, signing with a major le would probably give her music nexposure, more radio play, billibe ads, maybe even some bigst shows. But on her own, with her company, she can still make C tour, personally keep in touch fans over the Internet (www.en swift.com) and, most importan make music for the sake of music, to sate consumer demand.

Glowing Ember

"I'm totally happy now," Sibeams (or at least, she sounds she's beaming). Her first three have sold well, she hasn't hawork odd jobs to pay the bills by year, audience response to the songs has been great and she's alt to hit the road for most of the smer. "There's no need for considering in an independent situates she continues, "and as far as concerned, there's no need for promise in my music. Ever, I'mo fortable with this level of growth a natural creature. I don't ke what I'd do with a huge chummoney, I'd probably drop deau.

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There's a small wave of clans leaving big labels behind
days, says Swift—artists who as satisfy their own definitions access. It might even be called a And if people like Lawrence can make more money as mide ent folk singers than big coal pop superstars... well, helf tuture looks even brighter fair uine originals like Swift.



Pop will eat itself: look at the Afro Celts

Irish vocals, African drums, digital sampling, and more

. BY MATT BROMLEY

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this analogy, and absorb what has come before musically on a global scale, digest it and give birth to something new and unique that had never before been experienced, what would you call them?

You'd call them Afro Celt Sound

Or at least, that's what a group of extremely skilled musicians with a deep understanding of their respective cultures' histories decided to call themselves after forming at the 1996 Real World Recording Week. Core members Simon Emmerson, Martin Russell, James McNally, Iarla O Lionaird, N'Faly Kouyate, Myrdhin and Moussa Sissokho, along with several guest musicians, have conducted a most unusual experiment and obtained amazing results: traditional Irish vocals, West African drum traditions, experimental sampling and contemporary music have combined to create a hybrid animal that is fluid, graceful and very, very pow-

lames McNally, who contributes keyboards, whistle, bodhran and accordion to the band's immense range of styles, exudes an enthusiasm as he explains what it means to be an Afro Celt that is both inspirng and contagious. It's so contagious, in fact, that the group's reception here in Canada caught the Europeans somewhat off-guard. "We've done three or four shows here in the last while, and the recep-Hon's been amazing," he says. mean, we've done over 150 live shows all around the world, and it just thrills us to see what kind of reaction we get every time. It's very humbling."

When asked about the group's approach to music, McNally makes it clear that everyone in the outfit is a musician by spirit, not just by profession. "Each member has an amazing background intellectually in what they do musically," he says "I've just come back from Zambia—I was there the whole of March, learning drumming techniques with the African tribesmen there. It gave

me an idea of the cul ture shock they must experience when they come here." Not many musi-

cians study their craft to the extent that the Afro Celts do. "As individuals, we love to experiment, but in a purposeful, careful way," McNally says. "When we started to practise for the new disc, Release, we just came together for a week—just getting all the guys together costs thousands in visas, getting equipment, transportation, all that. But when we practise, it's harder, more spiritual, more energizing."

"We had an amazing drum day a while ago. It was a mini 'Real World' day. We worked very carefully, thought out beats, practised them, found new rhythms, let it carry us where it wanted to. I must have lost close to a stone doing that. But no tracks were made. We took what we got from that day, and created from that."

Groove is in the heart

After several minutes of talking with McNally, it starts to become apparent that when he uses the phrase "Afro Celt," he's not necessarily referring to a band member. Anyone could qualify as an Afro Celt, provided they look at life the way the band members do. As McNally explains, "There's a lot of talk about the groove that goes through you when you're performing. But there's the groove and then there's the groove. You just instinctively know when there's something special.

"We've had some session people along the way," he continues, "but most of them have been too closed off, too unwilling to share in the process of creating the music. To be a great musician, you have to be able to inspire and move others with your approach. Not just the audience, but the other musicians as well."

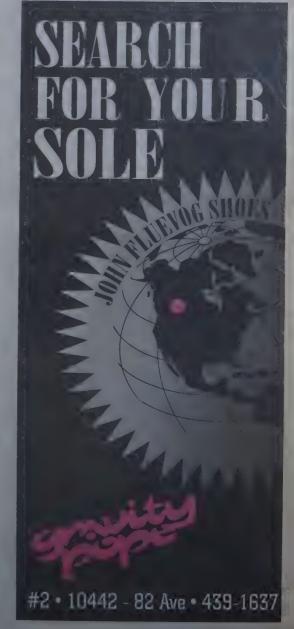
Out of Africa

McNally's own background includes stints with the irreverent Pogues and a hip-hop group called Marxman When asked about the leap from those styles into that of the Afro Celts, he explains, "British club cul ture was all around us, and we had to address that. For Moussa (who N'Faly [vocals, kora and balafon], the concept of them fitting into the current dance tradition was amazing to them. But the club ravers are finding their way back to the past from hear [the two performers]. N'Fals sang this piece from his village, and 17,000 people went wild when this voice came up over the instruments. When we play those songs, we travel back to that village, and the crowds

One guest vocalist on the new release that most people will recognize is Sinéad O'Connor, who contributed the vocals for the title track. As McNally relates, the song went from being a minor piece to the unifying point of the release—and a healing point for the band

"The last track we were recording was heading for being an instrumental. We had an opportunity to perform with [O'Connor] a couple of weeks before, and she expressed an interest in performing with us. She asked for a picture of To (Bruce, a band member who died unexpectedly], and took it and went off to this corner and wrote some lyrics on it. Out of her came this melody that just stopped all of us. We were stunned and choked. I remember it was this rainy night like recording booth doing this. We hadn't really dealt with Jo's death until then. Suddenly, we had to deal with it. This little voice was making us deal with it. And the track went from being the last on the disc to being the first, and we called it *Release*, because that's what it was for us." •





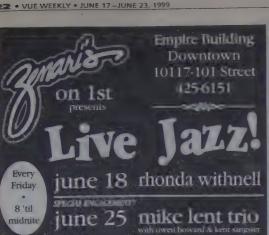
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Cifra's Hungary for more

Music and dance are one for Edmonton ensemble

BY DAVID DICENZO

enealogically speaking, you can't call Edmonton's Hungarian folk ensemble Cifra truly authentic. A single member, Jim Cockell, has Hungarian blood in his veins, and that's only on one side of his family.

But authenticity is more than a mere matter of genetics. The music Cifra [pronounced Tsee-fraw] painstakingly transcribes and plays is drawn from the traditional folk songs musicians have performed in Hungarian villages for centuries. By specializing in the exotic string music of the Gypsies and by utilizing unique peasant instruments like the gardon and hurdy-gurdy, Cifra's members have carved out their own ethnic niche on North Ameri-

can soil.
"We're doing authentic Hungarian village music, as

opposed to a more cosmopolitan style of folk music," says cellist Paul Radosh. "State folk music is much different from village music. The question is, what is the true folk music of Hungary? They grow up on state music, but that's not what we do. State music is softened up, prettied up, to make it more palatable. Village folk music is a little rougher around the edges, reflecting peasant life.



"Everything has a story," continues Radosh. "The music functions as something that reflects and creates village culture at the same time."

I went to a gardon party

Cifra's current presentation, Play, Gypsy: Postcards from the Hungarian Countryside, which they will perform with the Csárdás Dancers, shares that rough-hewn style. In fact, the initial reason the group started was because of an emerging relationship with Csárdás. Radosh explains that Cockell was working with the Hungarian

he came up with a pretty innovative idea. Groups like Csárdás had always danced to authentic taped music, but Cockell thought it might be fun to try a different approach. "No one had ever thought to have a live band," says Radosh. "It simply wasn't done in

dance group when

Canada until we started." That was five years ago, and the response since has been overwhelming. Cifra (which also includes Miriam Lewis and Moni Mathew) are

the resident musicians for the

Csárdás Dancers, but they've . performed with other Hungai dance groups all across Car numerous festivals; as well, th done shows with the Edmor Symphony Orchestra and the appeared on CBC Radio, Late. summer, they will travel to Hur. along with the Csárdás Dancers t perform at the Minden Magyarol Festival in Gyula, a trip the g feels is long overdue. Once they will follow in the foots: noted Hungarian folk traditie like Düva and Téka.

That first collaboration back in 1994 has blossomed into an experi ence that the ensemble's member cherish. "People were blown away, Radosh says, recalling their initial performance. "They couldn't believe the show, and word got around to other dance groups. They though that this was the essence of Hung ian music. In Hungary, this is (ly how it works-it's an integral part

Play that folky music, white boy

But it's the combination of music and dance that makes Cifra's performances so unique. The two ar forms standing alone simply can't match the synergy that results when they're together. Recent performance es in Regina and Winnipeg with other dance groups proved just how interrelated the two muses really are

They're inseparable," Radosh says emphatically. "There is nothing like it for the dancers. They say it just amazing to work with a live group. We've played performances without dancers, and it's just not the same. There is a communication with them, an interplay. The dancers may find it difficult at first because they're used to doing things in a certain way, but they adapt quickly."

And that interplay isn't restrict ed to the performers. Radosh say that Cifra's audiences, whether not they're of Hungarian descent become completely caught up in the show. To Radosh, a perform ance is an exercise in the art of

"People are interested in the same thing as I am: folk music from the heart," he says.

The process Cifra endures make this music is an arduous one Radosh says that Cockell—"the brains of the operation"—is the one responsible for transcribing tape supplied by the dancers, a job tha requires an immense amount work. Over the last five years, Cil has been able to put together a extensive library of catalogued work

Still, they operate on one sin principle, says Radosh. "We whatever the dancers want Because, in the end, it's what and their audience want, too.

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BY CAM HAYDEN

No Payne, no Gaines

This weekend at the Blues on Whyte we have the rare opportunity to catch tome true-blue Texas blues. The 61-gar-old Roy Gaines will motor through times he learned at the feet of people at 1-8 one Walker while growing up in bluston in the 1940s. Backing Gaines the be George Taylor and the House of time, an eight-piece show band feaunng a four-piece horn section. (Taylor and company will provide us with a littaste of what we can all expect at idmonition's Labatt Blues Festival this August; they'll be the opening act on allarday, August 21.)

But back to Roy Gaines. Born in 937, his family moved to Houston when the youngster was six. Within a ew years, Gaines and his brother Grady (a renowned sax player) had fallen in love with the vibrant Houston plues scene. In the 1940s, artists such . T-Bone Walker, Gatemouth Brown , 1 Hop Wilson were playing there, many of them calling Houston home. aines picked up the guitar and after a W lessons was known around Housas "T-Bone Jr.," a nickname that as much to do with his playing as ability to sneak into to clubs to jam ande still underage.

At the age of 16, Gaines made the as to Los Angeles following an invitan from Roy Milton to work in his band, the Solid Senders. A few years with that crack outfit gave Gaines the solid musical grounding and work ethic that would serve him the rest of his life.

Upon returning to Houston in the '50s he became a session player with Duke/Peacock Records and his guitar can be heard on classic sides by Bobby 'Blue' Bland and Jr. Parker. He followed that with work in the great Joe Turner's band and eventually joined up with the "King of the Stroll," Chuck Willis, working with him until Willis's death in 1958. That's Gaines you're hearing on tunes like "C.C. Rider" and "Kansas City Worman."

Gaines soon wound up in New York, where he worked and recorded with some of the blues and jazz giants of the day. Vocalists like Jimmy Rushing, Billie Holiday and Brook Benton all had Gaines at their side, and sax great Coleman Hawkins recorded an album with him for Prestige.

in 1966, Gaines returned to Los Angeles to work with the Ray Charles big band. That opened the doors to the L.A. music scene, and over the years he had the chance to tour and record with such acts as Aretha Franklin, the Supremes, Stevie Wonder and Diana Ross. After teaming up with Quincy Jones for movie and television work, Roy began perfecting his one-man show. It includes tunes by everyone from Nat "King" Cole to

King Pleasure to Gatemouth Brown, and Gaines has the chops, experience and soul to pull it all off.

Working in various settings has taught Gaines the value of being pripared, and to that end, the members of the House of Payne have spent the last two weeks poring over the charts for the songs they'll be performing with him. Having seen the band at work, I can tell you that they are probably the best rehearsed, tightest and most interesting R&B outfit I have seen out of Alberta in many a year.

One final note: coming to the Blues on Whyte on June 27 and 28 is something that manager Michael Purcell is calling the "Chirago Blues Explosion Double Header." It should be an entertaining two nights with Roy Hytower opening for Eddy "the Chief" Clearwater. It's also our first chance to see how Calgary's Johnny V is doing now that he is working in Clearwater's band. ®

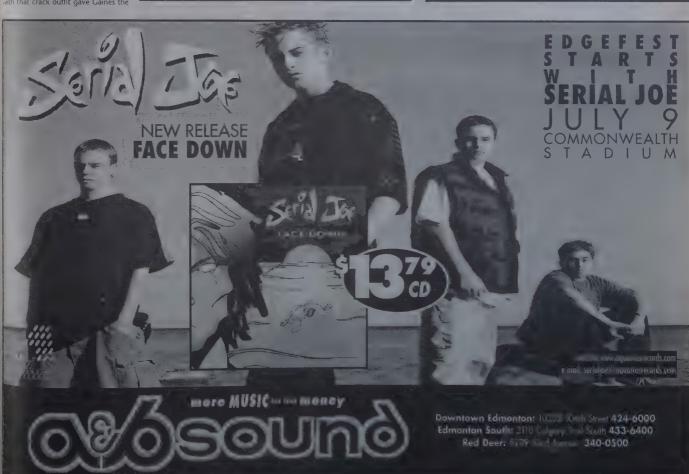
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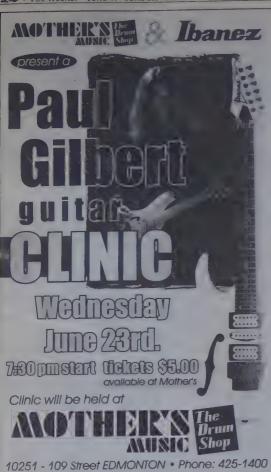
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Partying with Vengaboys

Dutch group throws money away on concert tour

BY KIM MACDONALD

ever let it be said that the life of a pop star is all one big party—although the Vengaboys, the Dutch group behind the successful Party Album and the single "We Like to Party," certainly do their share. There is a downside to

touring—such as being stranded at a Dallas airport, trying to conduct a Canadian interview on a cell phone

with a reporter who talks too fast. Many other things can take a toll on you too: being away from family and friends, living out of a suitcase, being arrested...

Arrested? That's right. "It was in Barcelona, in Spain," says group member Kim, who, like fellow Vengaboys Roy, Robin and Denice, goes by her first name only. "We had a concert under the banner 'Music for the People, Money for the People.' We call it the 'Cash Chaos Concert,' because it was total chaos and there was a lot of cash involved—like 10,000 U.S. dollars. We threw it into the andience."

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The group was supposed to wait until the end of the show to throw the money, but they got a little carried away, and started tossing it out right off the top. "So the show only lasted for like eight minutes or something," says Kim. "And then the Guardia Civil, the Spanish police, [were] waiting for us, and they arrested us." The group then spent a day and a half in Jail before being bailed out by their producers, Holland-based DJs Danski and Delmundo, the original Vengalovs.

Vand vigwigs stay vehind in Varcelona

The current lineup met in Spain in the summer of 1996. Kim, Roy, Robin and Denice were all

dance

there either working or vacationing.
"Our two producers... who we didn't

know at the time, were organizing beach parties—illegal beach parties in Spain, and we met each other there." Kim says. At that time, Danski and Delmundo had released some underground club music under the name the Vengaboys. (The group's name is properly pronounced, Spanish style, as "Bengaboys.") But when Kim and her fellow performers emerged as the group's front people, the current incarnation of the Vengaboys was born, allowing Danski and Delmundo to focus on production and DJing. "They never tour with us-they're always in the studio working," says Kim. "We have the best part of the Vengaboys actually; we get to travel around the world."

But even though the producers don't tour with the band, they still make sure the group they named continues to stir things up, especially in Spain. "Cash Chaos" was all their



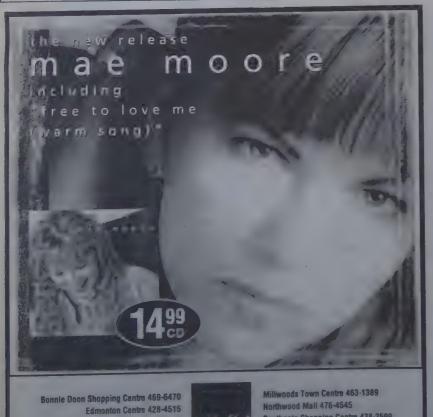
idea. Things have calmed dow what for the band since then, denote the hectic touring schedule. After finally getting out of Dallaheading for El Paso, Texas another American tour dates het ting Edmonton, the opening their first Canadian tour. "Nonhas been to Canada before. We ly excited," says Kim. "We have people really want us there in hear it on every corner of the the Vengaboys."

Keep in Dutch

After a quick swing through ' , , a Montreal and Toronto, the green heading back to the States until the end of July, Kim says. Then if two days off before heading to Spai London and Japan. Meanwhile, bai in Holland, DJs Danski and Delmudo are already working on Vengaboys CD.

But in the meantime, there's the first Canadian tour. "The show a senergetic, very up-tempo, a l clapping hands and stuff, a feedback from the audience and it one big party from the beginnes the end." •

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My Dad, the punk icon

Subhumans reunite behind family-guy Goble

BY DAVID DICENZO

efore anything else, Bryan Roy Goble is a family man. Sure, he's famous for having frontie the iconic West Coast punk outfit the Subhumans back in the early Ros. But in 1984, after an impressive run with the band, Goble hung up the music gear to focus on a new life with his family. And while that might not seem like the most rebellious move ever made by a punk dar, it was the proper one.

I put my music on hold so I could spend more time with my family," Goble explains from his home in Vancouver. "It was a hard decision to make. The career was a truggle at times, but there was a truggle at times, but there was a to tof opportunity to travel—many people would pay for those experiences. My family definitely suffered for a while as I tromped wound the world."

oble's decision to leave the punk scene 15 years ago didn't mean the swan song for him and the Subans, though. He's put together a new incarnation of the band—vocal-sitynitarist Bernie Pleskach, former Forgotten Rebels member bassist Chris Houston and drummer Andrew

they're totally behind me," where totally behind me," white says of the wife and kids. We ally, they're kicking my buttout the door. My son Dillon [13] has always been a big DOA fan—we'll have to see if we can get him listenlag to the Subhumans."

Kant deny punk

kick at the can.

and the crew on the

Dillon probably won't be the only one. The Subhumans' return to the world of live music should draw the ittention of many fans who remember the band's rise to prominence so many years ago. Goble figures the new lineup's musical approach might differ from the old one-the newer music might have an even ligher level of intensity—but the philosophy behind the band will main unchanged. The frontman has a definite appreciation for the ement he was a part of in the 70s and '80s—and he believes the panciples of punk are as applicable now as they were then.

The defining characteristic of our band was to unite people," ays Goble. "That was our big ffort—we weren't so much intersted in the politics of violence as we were the politics of rebellion. fat was our focus.



"Things run in cycles," he continues. "Right now, people are feeling pretty powerless and they're letting government do what they want. Punk has become another arm

industry, but there are still grass-roots and social movements—people are still looking for change. That's the level 1 always operated on. Hopefully, we can shake it up."

of the showbiz

Goble's in an institution

While the future of the band is still uncertain, Goble knows the Subhumans' upcoming tour is more than a one-and-done kinda thing. He admits he didn't give their agent loads of time to set up the tour, but he calls the dates they have booked a "good place to start." It's just a matter of getting the guys out and playing to break them in—then a more intensive touring schedule should follow in the fall.

"This is not really a reunion—it's more of a re-entrance," Goble says. "I thought it was time to get off my ass and get back in it. The music we play still has an audience. I was indecisive about what to get going, but I decided that the Subhumans was an institution that needed to be started again."

Goble feels there's a lot on the line with the recreation of the Sub-humans. He's nervous and excited, all at the same time. But when he returns to the musical fold, everything will most likely be just as he left it in 1984.

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"There's nothing like the business of live music—travelling, drinking, gambling," Goble says.

Oh, there's still no denying he's a family man. Goble's just not your typical one. •

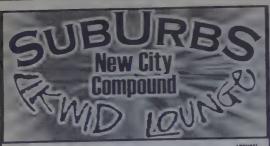
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Club pop a flash in Japan

BY JOHN MCFARLAND

999. They say the future is now, and yet many of today's leading musical artists are stepping back and taking their cues from the past. Beck has paid homage to Brazil's late-'60s Tropicalia movement and innovative electronica act Orbital has taken inspiration from composers Karlheinz Stockhausen and Steve Reich. The future nowhere is this

truer than in the small Japanese dis-

Unlike westerners, who tend to regard the past as a big, kitschy joke, Japanese youths didn't grow up with easy-listening music and '60s mod pop. For them, our recycled past is as relevant as anything in the present. Today the country that created technofetishism is picking through the rubbish of the '50s, '60s, and '70s to create future music gems.

In the late '80s, the Japanese began a new era. Their economically rich society created a generation called Shin jin rui—"new human beings." As in the North America of the late '60s, Japan's youth revolution of the '80s was triggered by a sudden increase in the middle class. Japanese youths in their 20s and 30s realized this new society could provide opportunity and freedom to people who didn't want to follow a preordained career path. A generation turned its back on office cubicles.

Creating the prototypical music for these new human beings was Pizzicato Five, a band formed in the

mid-'80s under the tutelage of Yellow Magic Orchestra's Ryuichi Sakamoto. Taking their cue from hip-hop's collage aesthetics, the band members started experimenting with samplers and fusing their ideas with modern club beats and '60s mod culture. By the early '90s, their records were charting regularly in Japan's Top 40. Soon after, their home district of Shibuya became the hub of Japan's new youth culture.

Almost any record, style of clothing, or snippet of popculture memorabilia can be found in **VURBiage** Shibuya's ultra-hip

stores. The music associated with Shibuya, which came to be called "club pop," was ready by the middle of the '90s to reach a larger audience. Adventurous DJs in North America and Europe were starting to spin club pop in their sets.

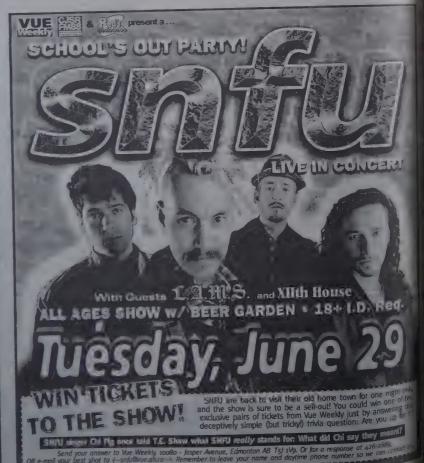
Soon after, western record labels like Bungalow, Grand Royal, Matador and Mo Wax began repackaging this culture for North America. In 1996, Bungalow Records released the definitive club pop collection, Sushi 3003, which introduced Japan's fresh take on dance music to western ears. Neophytes heard Italian porn soundtracks mingled with Motown pop tossed over a bossa nova rhythm, or Beach Boys harmonies mixed with a jazz groove that collided with moody guitar fuzz. With European club kids tiring of more traditional British and American dance music, Japan's anything-goes new sounds were an exciting novelty. The success of the compilation and its follow-up, Sushi 4004, sparked a demand for full-length releases from popular Japanese artists such as Fantastic Plastic Machine.

The man from UNKLE

The Japanese artist currently enjoy ing the most critical respect North America is Cornelius music is an intersection of '60' '70s film soundtracks, punk and electronica. A studio who nevertheless has mainta. childlike innocence, he mak records that are an escape from to moodiness of trip-hop and drui bass. This year's remix albu CM/FM shows Cornelius in the pany of other retrofuturists su Coldcut, Money Mark and Jam Lavelle's project UNKLE.

Of all the contemporary ese dance musicians, Fantastic Pla tic Machine is the one most lil to be heard in Vancouver's night clubs. In the tradition of artis-Fatboy Slim, Fantastic Machine has taken the beat forefront of his sound. Last year self-titled debut disc was relea cessful DI tour that included couver appearance before a crowd at the Chameleon Loung With this year's disc Luxury, Fant tic Plastic Machine contirefine his sophisticated sound the dance floors.

If you have become tired of formulaic breakdowns and at 1 club tunes you constantly hear nightclubs, you may delight. ing that there are artists taking chances. The future of dan may lie in the postmodern tling and reassembling of 30 year culture-and, as with the 1 ... radio and the Walkman appears to be leading the way. @



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No thanks, just the building

hybbers who were out last weekend might have been shocked to see a pish "For Sale" sign plastered on the fent of the Rev Cabaret. The down institution is far from being on meetion block, however. What might not understand is that the club is not the item up for sale; the building is.

I'm a little peeved that they didnt put 'Building for Sale' on the sign," ays general manager Wayne Jones. They could have made things a bit

Contrary to popular belief, the Revipes not own the unique brick building it resides in. The current building where have been trying to unload be property for the last 10 years, adding to Jones, without success, and the meantime, the club has prose; the location and has evolved underground origins as the how to its current incarnation as a last fine room and nightclub.

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first time for Rerun

the hunk of history took place on way over at the New City Combias over at the New City Comline local eliminations for the campionship saw nine local to its attempting to scratch their in alory, all hoping to be the one for eart Edmonton in the national feet on next month in Vancouver. E pack was tight, but once 18-year-Mick Alsfeld stepped to the decks, as nextly clear who was on his way. DJ Rerun, as he's known, won over the panel of judges and the crowd with his clever and highly original set. Eschewing the standard b-boy approach, Rerun cut through his skill demonstration with wit, charm, and nary a trace of the hip hop swagger that plagued many of the other competitors' routines.

Rerun, a first-time entrant, didn't even expect to come close to winning. "Once I saw those guys from Red Deer practising, I didn't think I had a chance," he laughed after his coronation. "They were pretty good, I thought." He thanked everyone, including his dog, and expressed hestation about continuing his D career under the moniker associated with, as he put it, "a 300-pound guy from a dumb TV show." ('He's obviously not a Peanuts reader.)

Second and third place went, respectively, to Red Deer's DJ Formula and former CJSR personality DJ Roach.

But Rerun's victory wasn't the historic moment alluded to in the beginning of this segment—it occurred halfway through the evening, when 17-year-old DJ Reese threw down her wax. For the first time in local DMC history, a female entered the competition, and according to DMC officials present at the event, the last time a female competed was over two years ago in Ottawa—she tried to enter the following year, but was refused permission by the promoter

Although she didn't win the big prize, DJ Reese won a world of respect from a great many people that night. Rerun might get a chance to be a champion turntablist, but only Reese gets to lay claim to the title of "hero." Er. "heroine."

Reach the Beach

The Beach Bang party this weekend at the Arts Barns has created a sea of confusion in the underground community. The two-day party closes down each night at 3 a.m., even though most parties this size don't end until the break of dawn, and often continue well into the early morning.

VFX Promotions, the organizers of the event, must that the time restraint was not of their choosing. In order to procure the Old Scona location, which lies in the heart of a heavily populated residential area, VFX was asked to end the event early in order to avoid the kind of noise complaints from area residential.

dents that the venue has endured in the past. To sweeten the deal, VFX has made Beach Bang a fundraiser for the Edmonton Youth Emergency Shelter

On a lighter note, the live music acts performing on Friday night include young Maren Ord, who has just signed a recording deal with Capitol Records. This will be her first public performance since the deal. New York tech-house king David Alvarado will nake his first-ever Edmonton appear ance on Saturday night alongside fellow DJs Incog from Vancouver and Abacus from Toronto.

Two-day passes are still available.

Vinyl for DVants

The number of vinyl junkies in Edmonton is growing, and soon there will be a new pusher in town. On July 1, Edmonton will welcome its newest record emporium on 124 St. Dubbed DV8, the store promises to cater to the DJ in everyone through both a street-level retail front and an on-line presence.

DV8 claims to have a better supplier than the other record shops currently in operation. Through their European-based supplier, the store will be able to carry the latest singles in greater quantities.

While some may view this as a dangerously anibitious move in a limited market, others see it as the best possible thing to happen "It's what Edmonton needs right now," says an employee at another record shop, who asked not to be identified. "It will give the market more energy and get more people interested in the music."

Some people just have to figure out that the big black round things don't fit in the CD player, that's all.

Blaze of glory

Two weeks ago in VURBan Legends, we reported that one of Puff Daddy's producers had been charged with the assault of the former editor of a major American rap publication. Rapper/producer Deric. "D-Dot." Angelettie was accused of beating rap journalist Jesse Washington with a chair in the offices of Blaze magazine last year. Now according to SonicNet.com, a judge in the Manhattan Criminal Court has dismissed the allegations against Angelettie and a friend, Anthony Hubbard, because Washington refused to Congregate with authorities.

Washington had claimed that

Angelettie, Hubbard and two unidentified men attacked him in a Blaze conference room November 16. The alleged attack came after the magazine printed a photo of Angelettie and identified him as the supposedly anonymous Mad Rapper. Angelettie has constantly denied having ever assumed the alter ego. Washington repeated the allegation in December, but after he was fired by Blaze in March, he said during an interview, "I am making no allegations about what Deric Angelettie did or didn't do."

He declined to explain his apparent shift of position on the alleged beating, which he referred to only as "that incident [that] went down in the conference room."

Allen Gordon, editor of the magazine Rap Pages, said that he wasn't surprised to hear Washington had declined to co-operate with prosecutors

"You never want to put someone behind pars," Gordon said. "Even if you prosecuted [Angelettie] to the highest court, it doesn't take the ass whupping away."

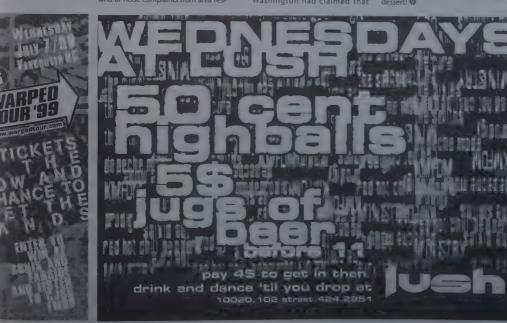
This isn't the first time Washington has switched his position. He had previously accused rapper Wyclef Jean of the Fugees of waving a pistol in his face during a visit to the Blaze offices last August. Although he spoke publicly about the modent, he declined to press, charges against Jean. Many wass Washington's actions as justification for inclence against journaists.

Never cry wolf, I guess. I bet Puffy's probably praying for this kind of luck

Hi, my name is Warped

Billboard.com announced that white trash rapper Eminem will replace headliners Cypress Hill on the Vans Warped Tour, due to hit Vancouver on July 7. According to a statement issued by the group late last week, the hip hop act decided to drop out of the tour to work on the new disc they plan to release later this year. The original idea was to leave DJ Muggs in the studio while the rest of the group went on the North American tour, where they would send in their contributions However, Cypress Hill decided that the quality of the project would be comprimised, so they opted

Eminem will play all 31 North American dates of the Warped Tour, as well as Black Eyed Peas and Ice-T. Wow, put all that together, you've got descent @



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- 4. "No Scrubs"—TLC (LaFace/BMG)
- (Virgin/EMI) 6. "Girlfriend/Boyfriend"—Blackstreet
- 7. "Heartbreak Hotel"—Whitney Hous ton (Arista/BMG)
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- 10. "Who Do You Love"-Love Inc.
- 11. "Squeeze Toy"—Boomtang Boys
- (Virgin/EMI) 12. "House Of Funk"—M1 (Jinxx)
- 13 "I Dream"—Waldo's People
- 14. "Nothing Really Matters"—Madonna (Warner)
- 15 "Get Down"-Avant Garde (Numuzik)
- 16. "Praise You"-Fatboy Slim
- (Odeon)
- (Tommy Boy/BMG)
- 20. "Strong Enough"—Cher (WEA/Warner)

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- 1. "Who Dat?"—JT Money (Freeworld)

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Canada's National Dance Chart

- "Skin"—Charlotte (Nervous/SPG)
- 5. "My Feeling For You"—Cassius
- with Janet (Interscope/Universal)
- 8. "You Should Be..."-Blockster (Min-
- 9. "We Like To Party"—Vengaboys
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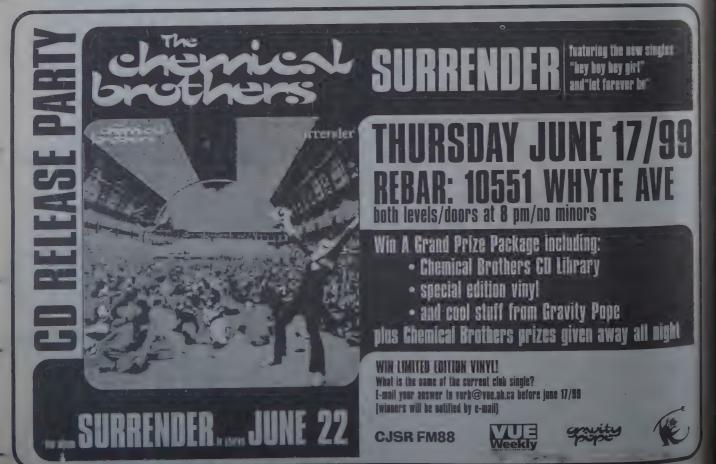
- 2. "Let Me Know"-Cam'Ron (Unter-



- 3. "Holla Holla"—Ja Rule (Def Jam) 4. "Watch Out Now"-The Beatnuts (Violator)
- 5. "It Ain't My Fault 2 Somebody Like Me"-Silkk The Shocker and Mystikal (No Limit)
- 6. "Players Holiday"-T.W.D.Y. (Thump
- 7. "What's It Gonna Be?"—Busta Rhymes and Janet (Elektra)
- 8. "One Nine Nine Nine"—Common and Sadat X (Rawkus)
- 9. "Automatic"—MC Eiht (Hoo Bangin') 10. "Big Mama (Go Big Girl)—Black Dave (Triad)

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- Brothers (Virgin)
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- (Sony)
 6. "Soul Surfing"—Fatboy Slim (Skin
- 7. "Flat Beat"—Mr. Oizo (F Com
- 8. "Run On"—Moby (remix) (V2
- 9. "Big Love"—Pete Heller (JBO)
- 10. "Starlite"—Discokidz (Black Jack)



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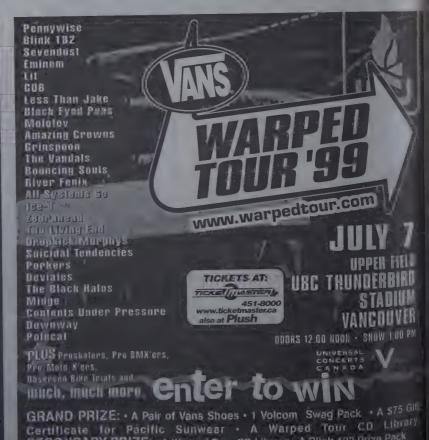
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MOBY PLAY (V2)

Throughout his career, Moby has been maligned by critics and purists alike for his musical experiments. The criticism was especially virulent when he released Animal Rights a few years back, a disc that saw him eschewing the then-current electronica movement in favour of a fierce, guitar-driven sound. The machine beats were still there, but nobody could get past the fact that this dance music pioneer was colouring outside the lines in his attempt to reconcile his many eclectic influences. Ani-

and appreciate at the time, but once acts like the Prodigy and the Chemical Brothers began their ascent into the heights of popular music, people suddenly realized how much foresight he'd brought to the disc.

On first listen, Play sounds less ambitious than its predecessor, as Moby turns his attention back toward the familiar territory of breakbeats. However, unlike his contemporaries, he has found his inspiration less in hip hop and more in the blues. Much of Moby's source material comes from obscure blues recordings, and the result is a haunting, engaging experience unlike anything he has produced before. For example, "Honey" is a galloping number built around a vocal hook and percussive piano line. There is a strong spiritual thread woven through the disc, especially on tracks like "Why Does My Heart Feel So Bad?" and "Run On." Some people might be tempted to dismiss the God-fearing overtones as a case of Moby's faith interfering with his art, but in fact he's simply bringing soul to a genre that many regard as heartless and mechanical. There's a very human heart beating within this music, more human than most "unplugged" material. While Moby spends much of the disc in downtempo mode, he manages to toss in a few dancefloor rockers like the aptly titled "Bodyrock," which proves he can still shake with the best of them.

The depth of material and attention to texture on Play makes it an important milestone in Moby's career. It is also his most immediately enjoyable disc to date. Whichever accomplishment is more important is certainly up to listeners, each of whom will undoubtedly find Play becoming an essential part of their life. Breathtaking, to say the least. ★★★★ — DAKE JOHNSTON

SASHA & JOHN DIGWEED EXPEDITIONS (ULTRA RECORDS/SONY MUSIC)

Many would claim that Sasha and Digweed are more in their element when playing live shows at huge parties or at their residency at New York's Twilo, than in a studio with no vibe to play off. This compilation is an effec-

tive reproof to that notion; it shows the sophistication of world-class DJs who are also true artists. Their sound is usually deep and progressive—basically anything with that recognizable 4/4 house beat—and typically resides on the dance floor. On Expeditions, the third release in the Northern Exposure series, the duo has chosen tracks that contain fewer of the long ambient breaks and builds that typified their mixes in the past.

Disc One starts with a cinematic, carefully crafted groove that really picks up with the emotional "Expand the Room" by The Light before trailing off in a soulful and somewhat darker mood. Disc Two features a much more atmospheric sound; it starts light with Head Honcho's "Waters of Jericho" and gets heavier as it heads toward Humate's "Love Stimulation." Closing out the performance is "The Silence by Mike Koglin, who builds up his ambient synths for three minutes before he hits you with a spine-tingling techno reworking of Depeche Mode's "Enjoy the Silence." It's a fitting way to wrap an emotional Expedition. WIKE PEEBLES

LEN YOU CAN'T STOP THE BUM RUSH (WORK/SONY)

Pop musicians are now artists. Bands are now collectives. Hard as it is to pin down exactly what the players are playing these days, with Len it's almost impossible. On the surface they're hip hop, but deeper than that they are gospel, funk, soul and experimental.

My first exposure to Len was a couple years ago with a track called "Grand Theft Snowboard"—a funny little ditty, but it would be difficult to guess from that song alone that they'd progress as far as they have on this

disc, which is one of the most pleasant surprises of '99. They move from the saccharine of "Steal My Sun new from the Go soundtrack, to the German synth-pop tribute "The Hard Distribute "The Hard Distribute". There's a real amalgamation here of a street rap sensibility with the feel of modern pop, and it's been accomplished with no pretentiousness and an emphasis on fun.

Not surprisingly, the Dust Broth ers' John King produced the CD-King's heavy hand has guided sud artists as the Beastie Boys and Bed Suffice it to say, fans of those cats will have a ball with Len because, after all You Can't Stop the Bum Rush.

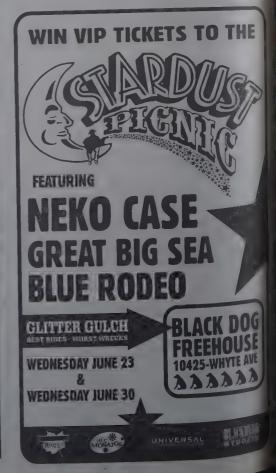
★ 本 ★ — YURI WIENSCH

TEMPERANCE IF YOU DON'T KNOW (HI-BIAS/ATTIC)

I was stung by pangs of patriotism when writing this review. Hi-Bias is. Canadian label and Temperance in tures the DI skills of Nick Fiorucci amthe very capable vocals of Toronto Lorraine Reid. I wish I could jump is and boast how proud I am of Canada's emergent talent. The plaudits whave to wait, however; there's little distinction between Temperance brand of R&B and anyone else.

This isn't to say If You Don't Knot is a bad CD, but I've always had a pticular bias in place where R&B is cerned. Line up the music of Whith Houston, Mariah Carey and others and the formula really does change all that much. Regardles how well performed, the nicokie-cutter at best and Ten is no exception. Dedications on inside sleeve to the likes of MC Ma and Chris Sheppard help lengeven less credibility—those two darea joke. *#1 —Yun Wuksso





reVUEs of this week's newest discs



Sides and Slow, Sad Waltzes

Cowboy

Junkies

Yeah.



COWBOY JUNKIES RARITIES, B-SIDES AND SLOW, SAD WALTZES (LATENT RECORDINGS)

ive never met any huge Cowboy pokies fans. Most people know their rersion of "Sweet Jane" and could mobably pick out Margo Tirmmins's witry, country-tinged voice from a ineup of lesser Canadian divas. But they're not head-over-heels for this Ontario folk/blues quintet. If they're like me, it's only a casual apprecia-

But that was before I heard Rarities, 8-Sides and Slow, Sad Waltzes. Now it's more of an obsession.

Released on Latent Recordings, the band's wholly-owned independent label that put out their list two efforts, Rarities is a collection of orphaned songs that couldift find a home on any of the linkies' seven studio releases. From the haunting strains of "Five Room ove Story" to the bluesy treatment all 80b Dylan's "Iff You Gotta Go, Go Now"—not to mention the epic anginal "Leaving Normal"—there the no weak spots.

And the hidden track, a demote a cappella rendering of "My House" (a beautiful, sparse mg from Bruce Springsteen's bleak lebroska album), is a wonderful ide to black.

Don't go looking for Rarities at Dur local record store, by the way, brough a strange quirk of market-19 (and independent releasing), it's ply available over the Internet at attack to the strange of th

DROPKICK MURPHYS THE GANG'S ALL HERE (HELLCAT RECORDS)

ren though it's America's numberle haven for college-rock bands, son's punk scene has never garred much attention.

The Dropkick Murphys hope to lange all that; the band has the jones to go a long way in the link world judging from lebomb on Lansdowne," in this singer Al Barr fantasizes about mothing in all the preppies and critics to think that his band promotes lence

But songs as charmed as 'bebomb..." are too far and few fiween' on The Gang's All Here for 'Dropkick Murphys to figure as the contenders just yet. For the st part, the band's material ands way too much like the preshite that labels try to pass off the punk kids nowadays.

Ome notable exceptions: the "mu"s use of bagpipes on their vited cover of "Amazing Grace" the marching-band rat-a-tat of Call." When they mix traditionusical styles with their brand of k, the Dropkick Murphys rise the humdrum.

AUSTIN POWERS: THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME SOUNDTRACK (MAVERICK/WARNER)

Yeah, baby! All right, all right, this review's opening line may not have been much of a surprise, but Madonna's "Beautiful Stranger," which opens this CD, is—and a nice one, at that. R.E.M.'s litting, smells-like-flower-children "Draggin' the Line" is equally unexpected, as is Green Day's Peter Gunn-style spyguitar shaker "Espionage." Other tracks are simply a natural fit: the Who's "My Generation" and Lenny Kravitz's cover of "American Woman"—the man was born to play that song.

But the soundtrack, like the movie, has a few jokes that don't quite work. Melanie G's (a.k.a. Scary Spice) "Word Up" is scary indeed and the Dr. Evil track is a novelty listen at best. Scott Weiland sounds too much like Marilyn Manson on "Time of the Season"—will he ever get clean? A solid summer soundtrack, nonetheless. ★★★ —YURI WUENSCH

CARLA LOTHER EPHEMERA (CHESKY)

The cover and inside booklet of Carla Lother's Ephemera contain several photographs of the singer wandering through an autumnal forest while wearing an enormous, flowing Little Red Riding Hood cape, staring in dumbstruck awe at the natural wonders that surround her. And one look at the grimly poetic, Celtic-flavoured titles of the songs she's recorded—"Jaelish," "Flow My Tears," "The Song of Wandering Aengus"—confirms that we're deep in Loreena McKennitt territory.

Lother has a lovely voice, and on traditional songs like "Black Is the Color" and "Geordie" it soars above the lush arrangements. But the disc is too gentle; it's nothing but lyrical evocations of love and sorrow sung in the same bloodless style. Take the chorus of "Captain Courageous," which begins, "Captain courageous/Looking for moonbeams..."
Come on, Carla... "moonbeams?"?

The disc is slickly produced and quite listenable, but Lother's attitude seems to be the same as that of the title character in the song "Jonathan Jones": "I do not want to hurt you/I do not want to harm you/I do not want to touch you."

*** *** — PAUL MANWOCKER**

CHRIS SMITHER DRIVE YOU HOME AGAIN (HIGHTONE)

It might only be a coincidence, but I don't think so. I'm talking about the fact that this CD was recorded, mixed and mastered in Texas. *Drive You Home Again* might not owe its strength to the Lone Star State, but this enjoyable folk set certainly doesn't hurt the state's reputation as a musical hothed.

Smither's voice, besides being note-perfect in pitch, is right at home in his repertoire of elegantly subdued, blues-based ballads. The rich, bassy, "closing-time-at-the-honky-tonk" sound of Smither's voice is reminiscent of a richer-timbred Gordon Lightfoot, while his guitar playing borrows from the thumb-picking style of a Fred McDowell.

The song hooks, as with most folk discs, are subtle, but when they're noticeable here, as on the title track, they're outstanding. In general, Smither's original songs stand up well to the disc's cover tunes, with the possible exception of the traditional "Duncan & Brady," which is delivered with too much polish to evoke the kind of raw emotion it's going after

tion it's going after In all, it's a decent listen. 森太子—T.C. SHAW

WHISTLER (BEGGARS BANQUET)

What happens when a shitfaced, know-it-all kid grows up and becomes a folkie? Not much, if the case of former EMF member Ian Dench is anything to go by.

Dench and vocalist Kerry Shaw are two-thirds of Whistler, a band so lyrically, emotionally and musically subdued they might actually treat marijuana as an amphetamine. Shaw and Dench are the band's two principal songwriters; so they must take the blame for this release's utter lack of energy.

Of course, Dench was an inyour-face shit when he recorded annoying tracks like "Unbelievable" with EMF. But at least EMF was annoying; they didn't full you to sleep.

Whistler's brand of acoustic folk (I hesitate to use the word "rock" here) doesn't change gears and doesn't offer surprises. And in a world filled with acoustic bands with wispy female leads, Whistler is sure to be shuffled to the back of the pack. *\(\frac{a}{k} \)—STEVEN SANDOR

FAT MUSIC VOL. IV: LIFE IN THE FAT LANE (FAT WRECK CHORDS)

A slew of Fat Wreck Chords' most popular punk acts make up this rambunctious collection. Among the numerous offerings are label stalwarts like NOFX, Good Riddance and Strung Out, who are joined here by lesser lights such as Frenzel Rhomb, Avail and (I love this one) Me First & the Gimme Gimme's.

The end product is a panoramic punk panoply, from the Mad Caddies' jazzy horn flourishes on "Road Rash" to the awesome drumming of Lagwagon's Dave to the old-school wittiness of Consumed ("Twat Named Maurice").

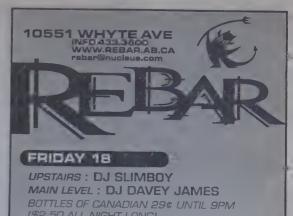
All in all, there's ample evidence here that punk's not dead yet. Indeed, it's not even hurting. 森女女—T.C. Shaw

THREE FISH THE QUIET TABLE (EPIC/SONY)

The various side projects of Pearl Jam's band members showed they could all easily strike out on their own. Mike McCready did great work with Layne Staley on the fantastic Mad Season. Stone Gossard strummed with his band Brad and Eddie Vedder kept himself busy with the likes of Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. And now Jeff Ament delivers a second outing from Three Fish—and what a trip it is!

Written over two years and inspired by the band's excursions to Giza and Turkey, the disc features sparse, beautiful arrangements with great production from Brett Eliason. This is the sort of release I hoped Tea Party would make after Edges of Twilight instead of the terrible Transmission. There's a definite tribal influence and a nod to Neil Young here and there.

This is beautiful stuff, though it makes me fear for the future of Pearl Jam. *** *** — YURI WUENSCH



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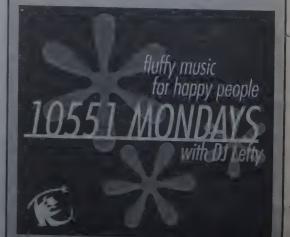
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Travolta careers from Kotter to Daughter

Travolta and Woods are co-stars once more

BY IAN CADDELL

OS ANGELES-You know you're getting old when James ■Woods and John Travolta are talking about the joys of being veteran actors. It has been almost 25 years since Travolta made his television debut as Vinnie Barbarino in the first episode of Welcome Back, Kotter. There, on-screen with him in September of 1975, was James Woods, playing a character named Alex Welles. They've come a long doing interviews for their new movie, The General's Daughter.

In the film, Travolta stars as Paul Brenner, an army criminal investigator who begins to uncover scandals while inquiring into the murder of a captain who happened to be the daughter of a general (James

Cromwell) being courted for the vice-presidency. Working with Brenner are two old friends of his, ex-girlfriend Sarah Sunhill

(Madeleine Stowe) and Col. William Kent (Timothy Hutton). Working against him, it appears, are the gendant, Col. Robert Moore (Woods).

Woods says most experienced actors in Hollywood like working together because they know they will be at their best if their colleagues are equally adept. "Robert De Niro says that he can't be good unless the actors he is working with are good," he says. "Veteran actors want to make the scene better. Guys like John and me, we're pretty secure with our status, as it were. It's not like we're trying to win every scene. We're just trying to make every scene work."

John Travolta finds you fascinating!

Travolta's 25-year career has taken him from hits such as Saturday Night an Angel, and then back to the top with Pulp Fiction, Get Shorty and A Civil Action. At 45, he is one of Hollywood's biggest stars, a survivor who agrees with Woods that success depends on getting something out of the people you're working with. But, he adds, since you have to work with people at various stages of their careers, you have to be prepared to coax what you need out of them.

"I sat next to a lady at a dinner the other night and I thought, 'There is nothing that I can talk to her about. But my inner self said,

'Just ask her a few questions and I'll bet that you can find something to talk about.' So I said, 'Where are you from?' and she said where she was from, and I said, 'Oh, that place.' And then I pulled another string and we were just yakking away in about 10 minutes. At the end of it she said, 'I've never revealed so much about myself in my life. This is the most glorious conversation I have ever had,' and suddenly I just fascinating to me from being completely unfascinating moments before. So the bottom line is, if you pull enough strings you can find something. I think that if you are having trouble with a dialogue onscreen, if there is a wall or some thing, you pull enough strings in that person and you can end up creating a rapport that will get you

That string-pulling approach apparently worked well during Tranever met before they started working on the film, Travolta was able to bring out the best in her. "It was so comfortable being with him. John is always making jokes and jovial all the time and laughing and he has a wonderful approach to his work. But I was initially sort of suspicious about that because I thought, 'How can someone who is such a huge star be like that?' So I thought that there must be something else going on until the last days. By then he had treated everyone with the exact same courtesy and respect, and I had never worked with anyone who was so emotionally consistent."

To L. and back

Travolta's private life has been less emotionally consistent than his work one. He fell in love with Diana Hyland on the set of the TV movie was 22 and she was 40 and playing his mother. When she died of cancer the following year, he entered a long mourning period—the tabloids even alleged he had adopted a gay lifestyle after her death. Travolta turned to the Church of Scientology and the works of its late founder, L

Travolta is apparently referring to that period of his life when he from the death of the woman he loved. "The hardest times are times of loss of people you love, because



even though you get through it, you never stop missing them. And then as you get older you realize that it's part of life, but it still doesn't stop bugging you that you lost them."

Scientology is still part of his life, but he becomes defensive when asked whether his involvement with the organization influenced his decision to star in an upcoming movie based on a book called Battle field: Earth that Hubbard wrote almost 20 years ago.

"I should make it very clear," he says. "In 1937, L. Ron Hubbard was a pulp sci-fi fantasy writer. He financed Scientology Dianetics through his writings. That was his art form. This was a best-selling piece that he wrote in 1980, and it sold five million copies worldwide in 23 different countries. It is probably the biggest-selling science-fiction book ever published. You're talking about a whole other area that has nothing to do with Scientology. This has to do with him as an artist, and that is all I'm doing is that. It's a great piece, and it took us 10 years to get a great script."

Although Travolta's career didn't rebound until he accepted the comparatively measly sum of \$140,000 to star in Pulp Fiction gloom of his earlier days appe have ended in 1991, when h ried Kelly Preston, whom he Vancouver on the set Experts. A year later, their son

After Jett, life is on a new plane

Travolta admits that he had to ver expected to feel so vulnerable certainly located a part of my pers at ality that I didn't know I could fee to that depth. It's an extraordinar experience for me. I've always my nephews and I thought I w be a good father, but whe arrived in my life I went to this place that was extraordinarily vulne and extraordinarily fragile to me didn't know that that is what it w about, that it wasn't the same kind (nephews, that it would buil this wild vulnerability. But it

The General's Daughter Directed by Simon West • Stammy John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe and

Jerry and Tom: American hot whacks

Rubinek's film should have been a hit, man

BY PAUL MATWYCHUK

o many lousy Tarantino-style crime movies were released in the wake of Pulp Fiction that audiences have stopped showing up for them now that good ones are finally coming out. The shallow but enjoyable Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels and Go both disappeared quickly from theatres, and unfortunately, Saul Rubinek's engaging hitman comedy Jerry and Tom seems doomed to the same fate.

Joe Mantegna plays Tom, a mob assassin who performs each assignment with the weariness of a door-to-door salesman making his rounds. comedy

In fact, he sells used cars during his off hours, and it's on the lot that he meets Sam Rockwell's Jerry, a callow kid who develops under Tom's tutelage into a cold-blooded contract killer himself. The film's



during which Tom loses his appetite for the hit-man lifestyle while Jerry simply loses his soul.

This is Rubinek's first film as a director, but he's a familiar Canadian character

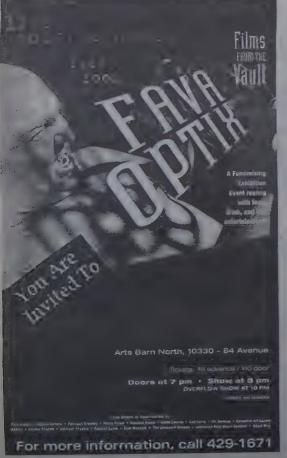
actor-he's the dime novelist from Unforgiven, Daphne's new boyfriend on Frasier

and the coke-buying movie director from True Romance. Jerry and Tom was based on a play, and it's full of the kind of black comic, seem to love. (It's the kind movie where before a characte gets whacked, there's a long disc sion of Ronald Reagan's perform ance in The Killers or an anecdo about a guy getting his nose bitte off and having to get it replace with a skin graft from his ass.)

Cleveland rocks

Jerry and Tom uses a lot of famili tropes, but despite an utter

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The Menace is dead; long live the Shag?

Over the past several issues, I've been giving you weekly updates about the box-office tallies and sociocultural ramifications of Star Wars: Episode One-The Phantom Menace. This may be my last, however, for Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me took over first place last weekend (June 11-13), raking in \$54.9 million. (That's exactly 11 million more than the its prequel Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery, made during its entire run!)

TPM placed a distant second at \$25.6 million—still, that's only a drop of 21 per cent from the previous weekend, quite repectable for a month-old movie. The film's total revenue hit the \$300-million on Tuesday, June 15, only 28 days after it opened-so far, TPM holds every speed record for total box office in ome. (By comparison, it took the previous record-holder, Titanic, 44 fays to reach \$300 mil.)

As successful as the opening weekend of Austin Powers was, it failed to blow TPM away as many analysts predicted. And the fact that the movie male the same amount of money Saturday as it did Friday is an indication it night be a flash in the pan-movies that enjoy long-term success almost always increase their sales on their first Saturday.

In related news, TPM will have one more mention in the record books starth, this Friday, June 18, when it will become the first-ever widely released teature film to be publicly projected digitally, as two cinemas each on Los Angeles and New Jersey begin roundthe-clock screenings. The technology was developed by the CineComm Digital Cinema company; executive Russell Wintner says this event could herald the end of celluloid, comparing it in terms of historical significance to the 1927 opening of The Jazz Singer, the first talk

Banff TV Festival stays glued to the set

It's amazing what fortitude, perseverance and naïveté can accomplish; just look at the Banff Television Festival, the 20th edition of which runs from June 13. to 19. What started out as a "Gee whiz, let's put on a festival" sort of event has developed into one of the premier events of its kind in the world, attracting such small-screen luminaries as Diane English of Murphy Brown fame and David E. Kelley, the quirky genius behind Picket Fences, Ally McBeal and The Praclice. It all began as a non-competitive film festival at the 1978 Commonwealth. Games in Edmonton. That event's success, as well as the dearth of film festi-Vals in Canada, made the organizers suspect that a festival dedicated to movies for television might fill a niche. They were initially less than thrilled at celebrating the boob tube (also, none of them had ever even attended a TV festival before), but they persevered all the

Pame. And their hard work has paid off.
"Last year, 1744 delegates attended the week-long festival, with 989 Programs from 40 countries vying for awards," says spokesperson Fran Humphreys. "This year, we're looking at close to 2000 delegates."

At this rate, television types will soon outnumber the Japanese tourists and elk roaming downtown Banff. (I'm sure there's a sitcom premise in

there somewhere... hey, maybe I can find someone to pitch it to.)

And that's the name of the game the pitch. Millions of dollars of deals have been made over cocktails on Banff patios. "Canadian producers cannot afford to miss the festival, says Humphreys. "They can't do it anywhere else, and the festival has become a critical part of how the local industry works on the national and international level. There are no A-list and B-list parties—everything is open to every delegate, allowing everyone to have the same opportunity.

Maybe I can pitch my elk comedy to David E. Kelley over brewskis at the barbecue... — ALEXANDRA ROMANOW

It's all their Vault

Ask a great director for advice on how to get into the business and they'll probably say, "Start small." After all, good things come in small packages.

The Film and Video Arts Society of Alberta (FAVA) has helped countless filmmakers get their start, and on June 23, audiences will get to see some of the results, which are anything but small. Films From the Vault, a fundraising event, will be held at Arts Barns North, and will offer not only food for the stomach, but food for the soul and brain in the form of several short films by local artists.

The lineup of shorts being screened ranges from comedies to documentaries to experimental films, and everything in-between. One of the standouts is Lorna Thomas's Bursting With Fruit Flavour, a 17-minute documentary by and about inner-city youth. It's honest, fresh and thoughtful, without any artifice or artsy-fartsy techniques obscuring the message. One of the kid's mottos, "Have fun, live long, die slow," reminds us what these kids go through.

Other films worth mentioning are Mieko Ouchi's recent AMPIA winner By This Parting and a cute little film by Shreela Chakrabartty called The Big Over Fasy -- NICOLA SIMPSON



Double o' nothing wins

Mike Myers's dentally challenged international man of mystery keeps the Love Generation alive in this sequel, which has already toppled The Phantom Menace from its position at the top of the box-office charts. Myers reprises his dual roles as Powers and Dr. Evil, and Robert Wagner is back as well, as is Seth Green as Evil's angst-ridden teenage son. (Evil is also joined by an equally evil one-eighth-sized clone known as "Mini-Me.") This time out, Evil has used the profits from a timely investment in Starbucks stock to fund his latest scheme to overthrow the world. Using a time machine, Evil steals Austin Powers's legendary libido, and before you can say "Yeah, baby," Powers is forced to leave the '90s and travel back to the '60s to set things right and engage in some free love with CIA agent Felicity Shagwell (Heather Graham). I wasn't too wild about the first Austin Powers movie, which beat one weak comedy routine after another into the ground. But I am a fan of this cheerful, skirt-chasing character, and this time out the jokes are stronger, albeit as dumb and tasteless as they ever were. It's a love-in I was happy to

take part in. —TODD JAMES
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Canadian sci-fi show gets Wave reviews

For once, a homegrown sci-fi show is duking it out with the big guys. And winning. First Wave, produced in Van couver by Larry Sugar (with the help of executive producer Francis Ford Coppola), is carving out a spot for itself on Moses Znaimer's Space: The Imagination Station. Though the

recent increase in specialty cable channels has meant more fragmented ues for Canadian programming. But unlike a lot of CanCon, First Wave is standing up to its competition

According to Sugar Entertainment, the show's ratings have topped those for syndicated episodes of Sliders, Conquest and The X-Files since its pre-

The basic premise of the show—a man who shoulders the unwelcome responsibility of saving the Earth from alien invasion-plays well around the world; First Wave is also hot in England, Portugal, South Africa and Romania. Apparently, paranoia isn't just a North American phenomenon.

Meanwhile, the stateside Sci-Fi Channel has picked up the series for at least a three-season (66 episodes) run, making First Wave one of the most successful Canadian sci-fi shows ever produced. Sugar Entertainment has already had great success with its Western anthology series Dead Man's Gun, and now it looks as though the Vancouver prodco will be able to add another notch to its ever-expanding



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Try to keep up with Run Lola Run



That's L-O-L-A, Lola

BY KEN EISNER

he star of Run Lola Run, a muscular young woman named Franka Potente, really does a lot of hoofing. As the magenta-haired Lola, she crisscrosses the foreign lesser-known corners of Berlin with impressive speed and

alarmingly good form for such a heavy smoker. She's her own person but also a fast-moving standin (a run-in?) for the director, Tom Tykwer, who himself covers just about all the terrain available to

Which is not to say that Lola is actually about anything. The film lacks depth and even significance, but that doesn't get in the way of how completely enjoyable it is. Tykwer packs each frame of the movie with an exhilarating love of cinema—he uses animation, pixillated images and stop-motion effects, all set to brain-squeezing electronic the fun with his characters.

There are really only two that matter: Lola, whose lost moped

necessitates all that footpower, and her forgetful boyfriend, Manni tler who screws up the one deal that's supposed to get him into the bigs. Actually, the transaction goes all right, but when he stupidly leaves his bag of cash on the subway, he somehow has to come up with 100,000

will make knockwurst out of him. That leaves Lola just 20 minutes to replace the dough, which will be tough, because she doesn't even have enough money for a cab.

The only resource she can think of is her rich banker daddy, although it soon becomes obvious that this father and daughter don't have a very giving relationship.

In fact, her third-of-an-hour does n't go very well at all. So she tries it again. The conceit of the film, which is only 76 minutes long (but has more plot twists than an A&E Mystery Marathon), is that Lola gets three shots at the boyfriend-saving game, each of them filmed in approximately real time. And every sequence, although shot in a similar style, is different enough to make little things go wildly off the rails by the end.

Lola's common denominator

One of Tykwer's side devices is that the same insignificant ch. show up each time, except L encounters with them-often a inconsequential as a brush shoulder in a crowded hallwayalways yield different results. "Und denn," reads a gaudy title card, a we see the rest of that perso. flash before us in less than 1 onds. The whole thing's a riff on the fickleness of fate, but it's an even bigger giggle on the often arbitrary nature of storytelling

In short, the movie is like Lovers of the Arctic Circle as directed by the guy who made Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. O about David Lynch redoing Stiding Doors? Well, you get the idea although that hardly conveys lyke wer's originality or verve. An Lola? Well, she's such a cool tomer, she somehow manages t get away from being compared anybody at all. 0





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Analyze This (CO) Robert de Niro and Billy Crystal star in Groundhoo Day director Harold Ramis's comedy about a powerful New York gangster who demands that a psychiatrist cure his panic attacks.

Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me (CO, FP) Mike Myers and Heather Graham star in director Jay Roach's sequel to his spy spoof of 1997, Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery.

Besieged (P2) Thandie Newton, David Thewlis, and Claudio Santamaria star in The Last Emperor director Bernardo Bertolucci's film about a man and woman with nothing in common who find themselves in a seductive dance of romantic adventures and nervous retreats.

Encounter in the Third Dimension (SC) Stuart Pankin, Cassandra Peterson and Harry Shearer star in director Ben Stassen's 3-D IMAX film about an inept scientist's efforts to perfect his own 3-D filmmaking tech-

Entrapment (CO, FP) Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones star in Copycat director Jon Amiel's action thriller about a beautiful insurance investigator in pursuit of the world's greatest art thief.

Extreme (SC) Director John Long's IMAX film on extreme outdoor sports covers skiing in Alaska, climbing in Utah and surfing 20-metre waves in Hawaii

Instinct (CO, FP) Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. star in Phenomenon director Ion Turteltaub's thriller about a psychiatrist who must try to unlock the mystery in the mind of an apparently mad primatologist.

The Matrix (CO, FP) Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne star in Bound directors Larry and Andy Wachowski's thriller, which takes place in a universe run by computers using human

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A Midsummer Night's Dream (CO) Michelle Pleiffer, Kevin Kline, Rupert Everett, Stanley Tucci, and Calista Flockhart star in Michael Hoffman's version of Shakespeare's whimsical

The Mummy (CO, FP) Brendan Fraser stars in Deep Rising director Stephen about a band of treasure seekers pur an Egyptian priest.

Never Been Kissed (CO) Drew Barrymore, David Arquette, and Molly Shannon star in this comedy about a nerdy journalist who is assigned to go undercover at a high school.

Notting Hill (CO) Julia Roberts and Roger Michell's romantic comedy about a hugely famous movie star who falls in love with a struggling book-store owner

Shakespeare in Love (CO) Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow, Geoffrey Rush, Colin Firth, Ben Affleck, and Judi Dench star in director John Madden's romantic comedy, set in London in 1593, which follows the trials and tribulations of Will Shakespeare, a struggling young playwright suffering from a dreadful bout of writer's block

Star Wars: Episode One-The Phantom Menace (CO, FP) Natalie Portman, Liam Neeson, and Ewan McGregor star in director George Lucas's prequel to his 1977 sci-fi blockbuster, Star Wars. A young boy named Anakin Skywalker-later to known as Darth Vader-is taught the ways of the Force by Obi-Wan Kenobi

10 Things I Hate About You (CO) Julia Stiles, Heath Ledger and Joseph Gordon-Levitt star in director Gil Junger's comedy about a teenage girl who is forbidden from having a boyfriend until her ill-tempered older sister has one of her own

Three Seasons (P) Don Duong, Ngoo Hiep Nguyen and Harvey Keitel star in writer/director Tony Bui's drama following the intertwined lives of a cyclo driver, a prostitute, an American GI, a young girl and a little boy all living in modern-day Vietnam.

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BY PAUL MATWYCHUK

Cabaret of light

Often, some of the most exciting theatre at NeXtFest doesn't take place on the main stage in the Roxy Theatre, but in the Sugarbowl Coffee and Juice Bar a couple of doors down, where actors' voices compete with the gurgling of the cappuccino machine in the festival's New Play Cabarets, as they present staged readings of new works in progress by young playwrights. I'm not the only person who's clued into this fact, either; the Sugarbowl was clogged both weekend afternoons last week, at one point, unbelievably, forcing me-me, a respected member of the press-to eat my potato salad and grilled vegetarian sandwich while standing up! Oh, the humanity.

I should mention, in the interests of pour alistic integrity, that a play of mine also received a staged reading that weekend. When I make criticisms of the other scripts, I'm in no way implying that my own play was some work of genius. (Just ask my cast about that discarded second act of mine—it wasn't exactly what you'd call riveting theatre.)

Two of the scripts were actually screenplays. The first, George Szilagyi's The Last Time, is a leisurely tale about a circle of friends who reunite after a member of their group commits suicide. It's set, Richard Linklater-style, during one single night in a sleepy, slightly down-at-heel city in northern Alberta, and the script conjures up a nice, small-town feel as the characters hang out, catch up on old times and visit their favourite haunts. It's a little talky and low-energy for a screenplay, and at times Szilagyi seems to be trying too hard to make a grand statement about Gen-X hopes and dreams, but it has a host of well-drawn characters and a lot of gentle humour-for instance, I loved the line about an old friend who's gotten burned out on "too much dope and curling.

The other screenplay, Clinton Carew's Caffeine, had probably the funniest stage directions of the entire festival. It was also set in northern Alberta, but that's about all it had in common with The Last Time. Coffeine is a fast-moving zombie comedy about a struggling coffee shop whose business picks up when their supplier begins adding some kind of zombie Juice to the beans. Before long, almost the entire population of the town has trans-

formed into flesh-eating java junkies. I think it would have liked this piece more if it hadn't been for the unsympatetic main character, a cynical coffeeshop employee who's content to watch the townspeople turn into zombies so long as they keep tipping generously, then has a change of heart—and begins shooting them all in the head. I like zombie comedies as much as the next guy—the amazingly gory movie Dead Alive is one of the funniest things I've ever seen—but this one was a little too nihillistic for my tastes.

The best audience reaction of the weekend went to Chris Bullough and Jared Matsunaga-Turnbull's Danny Likes a Girl, a one-man show in which a young man reflects on his past romances while nervously preparing for his first date with his latest girlfriend. This is a very sweet piece which Matsunaga-Turnbull (as Danny with Bullough providing sound effects) performed with a lot of energy. They say it's a work-in-progress first draft, but it looks pretty polished as is. However, it's also one of the most TV-centric plays I've ever seen Danny explains every emotion he experiences in terms of old TV shows and movies; at times (such as when Danny expresses a sincere, not-at-allironic desire to be as stand-up a guy around women as Three's Company's Jack Tripper), it's unclear whether the script sees any difference whatsoever between canned, TV-style sentimentality and actual emotion. The Boys Own ledi Handbook came close to falling into this trap; if Danny Likes a Girl could pull back just a little on the TV references, it could be just as effective and heartwarming.

My favourite among the staged readings I saw was José Teodoro's The Tourist, an absurdist comedy-drama about a naïve violinist's visit to what the characters habitually refer to as a "once-great European city." The plot is full of intentional cul-de-sacs and narrative ellipses, so it's hard to nail down the point of it, but the individual set-pieces are engrossingly strange—especially the violinist's conversations with his paranoid host and a visit to a '60s-style beatnik nightclub. The play will be doing a threecity Fringe tour this fall; it'll be interesting to see what a full production of this unpredictable, perplexing yet funny play will look like.

Vue editors display their shorts

By coincidence, two of the eight segments in NeXtfest '99's collection of short plays Have You Seen My Shorts? were written by editors at Vue Weekly: editor-in-chief David Gobeil Taylor's "Mothers" and assistant editor/theatre editor Paul Matwychuk's "The Lights Go Down." It seemed like an excellent opportunity to

put them on the receiving end of the ricism for a change, so festival directions Glenda Stirling happily agreed to tuntables and review these shorts

She was given only two insti(a) give her honest opinion, and
had better goddamned well lijust kidding, of course. As it to she liked them anyway, and nowparalyzed with guilt that he d.
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First let's just establish my bid not a non-partisan critic, il such a thing. As festival direction it is in my contract somewith that I have to love all things in the tival—publicly, at least. Il though, not to have to lie wherabout these two little pieces

"The Lights Go Down" ous monologue performed b. Johnston and directed by Kowalchuk. Johnston plays a putdaughter describing the act film to her blind father-and formance was so believable empty seat beside her seen occupied. Halfway through to logue-in mid-laugh, I there the audience realized that insiinherent hilarity of a blind ma movies was a little sting. As lobe character struggled to train movie's visuals for her fatter saw her struggle to bridge of emotional chasm between Matwychuk's piece manage a relationship, complete vand resonance, in under 16 Johnston and Kowalchuck job of finding the humes bite of the piece, keeping and laughing throughout

David Gobeil Taylor's 11 was another of those furpieces I love so much. I'm willing to listen to someone tional problems for 10 minu long as they're funny. Three gay describe the day they "came their mothers; it's not a situat would have thought i humour potential, but instance at least, I was we formed by David Falkne Mitchell and Ron Sannachan directed by Kerri Gibson, "Moth made me howl—especially the where a poor boy salts his roas full 10 minutes rather than sa words "Mom, I'm gay." Each was very different and not them had a happy ending one held enough humour you watching and ready "ouch"—and each one left a little piece of hope.

So—these pieces were a collaughed—a lot. I was moved. An like the fact that they managed to so much in less time than it take to toast a bagel. —GLENDA STIRLING

Jerry and Tom

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improbable twist ending, it's actually not half bad. Rick Cleveland's screenplay is quiet instead of stridently hip and contains a lot of unexpected moments—for instance, Tom spotting a deer in the middle of the forest while he's burying a body. (When he tells his partner about the incident, Jerry asks, "So did you shoot it?")

Rockwell (who is also wonderful as Flute in A Midsummer Night's Dream) does an excellent job of showing how this sweet-natured kid gradually turns into a monster. In one scene, just before he leaves to do his first solo hit, Rockwell turns to Mantegna and gives him a shy, awkward thumbs-up. It's not too different from the moment late in the film where he winks at him with horrifying confidence before shooting a victim—on a lark—in broad daylight at a crowded racetrack

Mantegna, who was executive producer for the film, is well-cast as Rockwell's father figure. Perhaps he's a little too well-cast; the role, with its clipped, David Mamet-style dialogue, is right up his alley and while he's good, you don't get the sense the material is challenging him very deeply.

Does anyone get beheaded?

Rubinek has a subdued directorial style that's marred by occasional bursts of flamboyance. A scene in which a man is strangled in a car

while his flailing legs hit radio, causing one ironic after another to play on much too cute. And Rubii fondness for long camera that take us, without editing one setting to another, recall ridiculous dissolves from Ramulcahy's Highlander more the elegant transitions from Sayles's Lone Star.

Still, you've got to hand Rubinek. All sorts of active Kiefer Sutherland to Kevin an have tried their hand at directime movies recently, but Rub. the only one who hasn't ear rassed himself.

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Young playwrights stick out their NeXt

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BY PAUL MATWYCHUK

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em. You can read about the staged adings in Theatre Notes; here are pleary-eyed reactions to some of emainstage shows.

fom Fedechko's Crackbabykind with a circle of four friends, one whom is a troubled woman (Heidi ylor) who continues to smoke, nk and do drugs throughout her mancy. Fedechko's script is a little hematic; he makes damned sure, rinstance, that we understand that the of his characters is addicted to mething (love, exercise, drugs) that some kind of void in their lives ne unborn baby is tentatively med "Michael Thomas," and even turns out to be deeply symbolic ren his initials ("M.T."—sound it t) are carved on a tree. But dechko also had the terrific dratic idea to put a puppet onstage twould represent the fetus; Steve pt operates "Cracky" and does a ific job of turning it into a vivid, mpelling character who follows for around like an insistent, easoning guilty conscience.

Kate Connell Banigan's Stale

characters are all women who share with each other and the audience their romantic frustrations: one's dating a guy who's taking forever to get sexual, one's locked into a shallow relationship with a fellow barhopper, one's tempted by the overtures of a lesbian and another is simply cynical and alone. There's a lot of stylized dancing and move ment in the piece (to some bizarre

musical selections what Is Louis Prima's "Angelina" doing in here?) and the material is amus-

ing, but the piece feels thin. In the end, it's still just about dating.

Hoth town, summer in the city

The Boys Own Jedi Handbook Part II: The Girls Strike Back went over big with the audience I saw it with, and no wonder. This is a very funny and affectionate look back at young love, circa 1980, the summer The Empire Strikes Back was released and the summer when James and the Kid, the two young sci-fi geeks we met during last year's Fringe Festival in Part One, hook up with their first girlfriends. I have zero interest in Star Wars myself, but it's hard not to smile at the two boys' excitement in the opening-day lineup to see the movie ("This ain't gonna be no Tron!" one happily cries out) or their hilarious recreation of Empire's climactic lightsabre duel.

The selections in the short-play omnibus *Have You Seen My Shorts?* were also surprisingly strong. I particularly enjoyed Chris Bullough



and Jared Matsunaga-Turnbull's hilarious psychodrama "What's Your Favourite Snack?" (and they're right—Hickory Sticks are underrated), Ryan Hughes's satirical "Woman on the Ledge" and José Teodoro's hortifying, almost inexplicable monologue "Birthday." (In a festival full of plays about crack babies, drug use and

suicide, this was the only piece I saw that genuinely shocked its audiences.)

Bic of the litter

The strongest mainstage produc tion I saw was Paul Blain's Lightergame. It's another one of those testosterone-heavy plays full of swearwords and male aggression that we've all probably seen more than enough of, but the acting and direction are so energetic, the writing is so spontaneous and well-observed and Colin Page's sound design is so effective that the genre seems fresh all over again. It's about four guys who break into an empty building to bond, do drugs and play a wide variety of juvenile, alpha-male games. That everything turns sour in the end won't surprise anybody, but Blain's script is more about the character dynamics than the apocalyptic climax. He sketches in these four guys' personalities very deftly, he uses stage silence like an expert and he leaves the plot and the themes nice and messy instead of neatly tying everything up. Lightergame will be playing at this year's Fringe, and you may want to catch it then.

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Y PAUL MATWYCHUK

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les," he says, "is the perfect to any question." Barely of what he's trying to accommodistion away from home lakes a bus to Laguna Beach, he tries putting his new philipy in action. And it's not long the converts a whole array of

misfits to his way of thinking, from overgrown flower children to a pair of elderly woman who have made a fortune embezzling money from various corporations.

There's a dated, '70s feel to Fuck, kes!—its community-of-freaks storyline is a second cousin to things like Tom Robbins's Even Cowgirls Get the Blues and the movie version of Alice's Restaurant. There's a whiff of Terry Southern in the character of a

in the character of a credulous, inept policeman who pops up throughout the play, and Norris

even gets arrested at one point when he shows up at a weapons-industry trade show and loudly demands that the various weapons companies declare war on each other. I also wonder what the women in the audience will think of Norris, a slovenly, irresponsible, fuzzy-thinking guy who every female character nevertheless finds sexually irresistible.

The house of Yes

I'm not sure how convincing a preacher Norris is even supposed to be. Someone who's actually read the book tells me that there's a layer or irony to it—Fing acknowledges Norris's "religion of yes" may have its strong points, but still lets you see it's the product of a deeply screwed-up mind. It's harder to see the irony in the stage version, though. I can see the appeal of this material; going along with every suggestion that's given to you is the whole basis of improv theatre. But when McIntyre delivers his "sermons" during the

play, his weird, laid-back performance keeps you from getting too fired up about Fing's ideas.

And surprisingly, the story doesn't make any more convincing a case for the power of "yes" than the sermons. For instance, Norris faces his first big challenge when he stumbles into a gay bar and is surrounded by a couple of men who want to rape him—only to be rescued at the last minute by Bruno (Kelly Simpson), a burly homosexual with a shaved head who carries him to his apartment and accepts him as his new guru. This pattern is repeated several times; it's not "yes" that saves the characters; it's the contrivances of an author who's always looking out for them.

Towards more picaresque speech

Other than McIntyre, the cast plavs a variety of supporting roles; Varscona Theatre mainstays Jacob Banigan and Amy Berger are particularly good at their multiple roles (Banigan plays everyone from Norris's son to a weapons dealer to a prissy elderly female virgin). A man who says "yes" to everything would be a great hero for a picaresque "road story," and Banigan, Berger and the rest could have supplied no end of colourful characters for him to meet. It's too bad the story remains mired in Norris's church in Laguna Beach; you get the feeling Fing is saying "no" to all sorts of great story possibilities.

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Edmonton's own Alley Kat Brewe has created a new beer for s exclusively at Bad Ass Jack's S and Wraps. This new brev named "Lazy Jerk Beer," apparen in commemoration of the provi cial liquor board employee wh kept Bad Ass Jack's and Alley from launching this beer seve months earlier. Now that all of bureaucratic requirements ha been satisfied, patrons of 8ad / Jack's throughout western Cana can enjoy this rich, medium o ied, amber beer that has a sen sweet, malty finish.

Also: healthy breakfast with Louis 5

Mayfield Grill (1665 - 109 Ave., 930-4062)
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Phatz Restaurant (10331 - 82 Ave.

The Raven (10338 - 81 Ave., 431 - 1193) A eclectic selection of "wood fired food" leatin Old Strathcona's best steaks and over rostilat-chicken. Don't forget to try our new bant 16 ters. See you soon. \$

Rosie's Bar and Grill (10604 - 101 Nt. 432) 3499) Nothing fancy, but sensible home or ing without the frills. \$

The Sidetrack Cafe (10333 - 112 St. 453) Whether you like succulent steak, deadle eggs Benedict in the morning or late night en wings, The Sidetrack Cafe's kitchen will for you. 3-55

The Tea House (\$2404 Range Rd. 22' Ardrossan, AB, 922-2279, 922-6963) (fresh foods for lunch, dinners or break antiques, local arts and crafts and unbrowse around. Mystery dinners held of Breakfast & lunch \$; dinner \$-55

Timothy's (10250-102 Ave., 3rd Floor Edit 493-7456) Great hot meal selection daily. I food items, salad bar, made to order Path ery items & much more. Plus a frequent di program.

Turtle Creek Cafe (8404-109 St., 433-420 Continental-style bistro with good varety es + pizza, stir-fries, pasta and more. \$5

Urban Lounge (8103 - 105 St., 4393 Mb Junch, dinner of take night fare, experience of take night fare, experience of take night fare, experience of the might fare, experience of the night fare of the nigh



Find out why we won!

Come down and try our food!

Opening the Garage Door

BY JENNIFER COCKRALL-KING

weeks ago, the winners of the first Annual Golden Fork Awards—Vue Weekly's readers' choice awards for their favourite food hangouts-were announced. Our readers have spoken—and in 40 different categories, so a good numher of great places got their 15 minutes of fame. As in all such endeavours, there were some predictable winners, but there were also ome surprises—like

the Garage Burger bar & Grill, who restaurant wept in out of reVUE nowhere to take top

honours in five different categories: hest soups, best hamburgers, best andwiches, best French fries and best restaurant when you have \$10

I'm not saying the restaurant doesn't deserve such acclaim-I'd ust never even heard of the place efore. How embarrassing; of purse, I immediately moved The Garage to the top of my list of laces to check out.

This 30-seat restaurant is located n an old auto garage built during he '50s. They also sport a small 10geat patio looking out onto 106 St., md their large garage door is open the summer to give inside diners n open-air dining experience as ell. Even the decor pays homage to he building's automotive past—a ig, shiny motorcycle is parked side the entrance door.

My guest and I arrived at 7:30 m., and it was suspiciously empty, ren for a Monday night. We soon und out the reason for the lack of atrons: closing time was in 30 minles! So with no time to waste, we larted out with an order of chicken

is s Place Cafe and Pub (Fort. 9855-76 Ave., 1901) Featuring their famous ultimate burge ad all-day breakfasts. \$

CHINESE

In's Cafe (12520-118 Ave., 452-3672) A supe to for a variety of tasty treats. Make sure to try Opental Stir-fry. \$\$

FRENCH CUISINE

drumettes were finely breaded and doused with hot cayenne pepper sauce. They were far superior to most wings being served around

A hunk-a hunk-a melted cheese

Next, we ordered the mushroom cheeseburger with fries and gravy. When this plate arrived, my guest remarked that it looked a dish that Elvis might order. The

homemade, lean ground beef patty was topped with sautéed white mush-

rooms and a thick slice of melted cheddar cheese. The bun was smeared with garlic butter, and the burger was rounded out with bits of diced white onion, a slice of tomato and lettuce. The homemade fries were a little limp but tasty, and the gravy did what gravy does best: make fries even less healthy. A fine dish indeed, if you've got a few arteries to spare.

Next we sampled the sandwich special: tuna and mayo with sprouts on toasted brown bread, which was very fresh. On the other hand, the cream of chicken and mushroom soup of the day tasted a bit burnt. However, it did have nice big chunks of chicken and fresh mush-

With wonderful old-fashioned bottled sodas and a veritable mountain of food, dinner came to \$24 with tax before tip-and you certainly can't beat that. O

> The Garage Burger Bar & Grill 10242-106 St. • Sun-Thu, 11am-8pm • Fri-Sat, 11am-10pm • 423-5014

Café Amande (8523 - 91 St., 465-1919) Fine french cuisine. Entertainment night: Fri & Sat. \$

GREEK

Koutouki Taverna (10704-124 St., next to Roxy Theatre, 452-5383) The most authentic Greek food in Edmonton, prepared by the onginal Yianni himself. See you there!

Symposium on Whyte (10439-82 Ave., 2nd Floor. 433-7912) Innovative Greek cursine in a beautiful open setting overlooking Whyte Ave Gorgeous patio with friendly staff serving lunch

Sytaki Greek Island Restaurant (16313-111 Ave.

Restaurants

IRISH PUB

O'Byrne's Irish Pub (10616 - Whyte Ave. 414-6766) We serve a vanety of pub food, all hand made with care and pride From our homemade fish in't chips to our near famous fish headfast. Our menu changes daily, so please come in & indulge in the expenence. 5-55

Bruno's Italian Restaurant (9914-89 Ave., 433-8161) Quiet, family-style dining and one of Edmonton's best kept secrets. \$\$

Chianti (10501-82 Ave., 439-8729) Boticelli paintings serve as a nice backdrop in establish ment offening the best pasta selections in town \$3

Frank's Place - Pacific Fish (10020-101 A Ave., 422-0282) Situated 1/2 a block from Churchill Square and Summer Festival Furill An extensive Italian and seafood menu, friendly efficient service, and generous portions ensure a return visit. 3

Giovanni's Restaurant (10130-107 St., 426 2021) Delicious cuisine for a song - featuring Giovanni himself when he breaks into a heart stopping ana. \$\$

II Portico (10012-107 St., 424-0707) Tre

foods Lunch buffet and take-out availab

Shecky's (7623 Argyll Rd., 426-8983 & 10310 103 St., 424-8657) Real food, real fast. Terrific Italian Dishes. Soups/salads/sandwiches made from scratch. Call ahead for reservations. \$

Sorrentino's (10844-95 St., 425-0960) In the heart of Little Italy, serves delicious Italian fare. \$\$

Sorrentino's Whyte Avenue (10612-82 Ave., Varscona Hotel, 474-9860) Authentic Italian cook-ing. Tantalizing appetizers, pizzas, calzones, pasta, sandwiches and entrees. \$\$

The Old Spaghetti Factory (10220-103 St., 422-6088) Heaping plates of spaghetti served with their patented thick, tasty sauce. \$\$

Tony Roma's (11730 Jasper Ave., 488-1971) Great barbecue chicken and ribs with lots of food on your plate. \$\$

Zenari's on 1st (10117 -101 St., 425-6151) Humble Artsy hang-out with appetizing com-tions of soup, sandwiches and pasta. \$

JAPANESE

Furasato (10012-82 Ave., 439-1335) Cozy Restaurant featuring a choice selection of meals from the Land of the Rising Sun. \$\$

Mikado (10350-109 St., 425-8096) The oldest lapanese restaurant in Edmonton for a good rea

Osaka (10511-82 Ave., 944 1388) Good afford-

MEXICAN

Julio"s Barrio (10450-82 Ave., 431-0774) Hearty dishes in a trendy neighbourhood, perfect for your next fiesta. \$

Senor Frog's (10045 - 109 St., 429-FROG) Good

PASTRY SHOP

Alain Patisserie (9925-82 Ave., 988-9312) Quality french breads and pastries. Also serving

Funky Pickle (10441-82 Ave., 433-3865) Neathy t scked away on Whyte, offers tasty slices eve time. Best Pizza Edmonton Journal, 1996, 97. Edmonton Journal 4-star rating. Take advanta of their free defivery. \$\$

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Park Lounge & Sports Bar (Franklin's Inn, 2016 Sherwood Dr., Sherwood Park. 467-1234) "More than worth the trip." Sherwood Park's best puzza for over 15 years. Unbelveable daily specials to complement our full menu! \$-\$\$

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PUBS

Gallery Bar (16615 - 109 Ave., Mayfield Inn & Suites Hotel) Comfortable, cozy after-hours eni

tainment. '60s-'80s music at its very best Thur-Sat evenings. \$

Nathan's Pub & Grill (8930 Jasper Ave., 421-4651) Great food-large servings and value for

3526) Edmonton's only carribean & continental sports bar. Featuring 11 flavours of wings and the best Jerk chicken in the city. Daily specials Sun, Mon: WWF Wrestling Nite; Wed: karaoke; Fn: Carribean Night; Sat: Party Nite. \$

Carnibean Night; 3st: Yarty Nite. 5

The Sherlock Holmes Pubs; (1001 z - 101A Ave., 8770 - 170 St., 10341 - 82 Ave., 5004 - 98 Ave.)

For a taste of the good old times, come on in and try our British and continental menu. Recently revised with nearly 20 new dishes, we'll have something to tempt your tastebuds! Try a vegetarnan quesadilla or Chicken Cordon Blev sandwich, or if you're feeling a little British, you can't go wrong with Steak in't Kidney Piec or our ultimate halblish fix chinsh Dall's vocales to offered mate halibut & chipst Daily specials also offered.

SPANISH

La Tapa - Restaurante & Tapa Bar (10523-99 Ave., 424-8272) The only Tapa bar in Edmonton! Delcouse usinise from Spain in a casual atmosphere. Specializing in Paella and Sangria, 24 Tapas available, Creat menu. The only place to go for a taste of Spain

THAI

Bua Thai Restaurant (10049-113 St., 482-2277) Thailand's distinct authentic cuisine of the new stylish restaurant in downtown Edmonton has already been compared with international stan-dards by local and international stators alike. 11 am-10pm Mon-Fri; 4pm-10pm Sat-Sun. \$\$\$

The King and I (8208-107 St., 433-2222) The King is back! Amazing selection of dishes - spicy and flavourful. Good enough for the Rolling Stones. \$55

Krua Wilai Thai Restaurant (Sterling Pl., 9940-106 St., 424-8303) Our cooks from Bangkok offer you the best and most authentic Thai food in Edmonton. Vegetanan menu available.

UKRAINIAN

Pyrogy House (12510-118 St., 454-7880) Pyrogies

VIETNAMESE

Bach Dang (7808-104 St., 448-0288) Vietnamese Noodle House. \$

Oriental Noodle House (10718-101 St., 448-5068) Authentic Vietnamese food in a family-ented environment, \$



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BLUES ON WHYTE 10329-82 Ave., 439-5058 •Every SAT aft: Blues Jam. THU 17-SAT 19: Roy Games. SUN 20. Battle of the Bands. MON 21-SAI 26: Dwayne Sparks. SUN 27-MON 28: Eddy

CITY MEDIA CLUB 6005-103 St., 433-5183

•Every FRI. Dart Night. FRI 18 (9 pm): the
Kubasonics-CD release party. (Ukrainian Eclect
Folk Fusion) (Ukrainian Eclectic Folk Fusion). TD

DANNY HACKSAW'S 1503 Lakewood Rd. We 469-4433, FRI 18-SAT 19 (9:30 pm): Mr. Lucky.

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nere's one thing you can say about the Yengaboys—and believe you usege guite a fut you could say about this Dutch dance-music ensemble—that they like to party. If you're not convinced, just listen to their hit, "We to harty," from their latest release, The Party Album. See? Sumameless admembers Kirn, Roy, Robin and Denise plan to party right here in town Monday, when they morsey on into Cowboys—for the full. Vue Weekly, only turn its page 26. At the very lead, the Vengaboys should be pretty and source material for a drinking game—get a bunch of buddies together en to the CD, and have a swing every time you hear the word "party." And we see viril briting a bush of

Lyle Hobbs Piano Bar. This weekend limmy Flynn

SHERLOCK HOLMES CAPILANO Capilano Mali, 5004-98 Ave., 463-7788. FRI 18-SAT 19: Ryan Wirgin

SHERLOCK HOLMES DOWNTOWN 10012-101A Ave., 426-7784, THU 17-SAT 19: Tim Becker, TUE

SHERLOCK HOLMES WEM 444-1752. Every SUN: Newfie Night with Spirit of the Atlantic. THU 17-SAT 19: Tony Dizon; Sat Mat (3-6 pm). TUE 22-SAT 26: Dave Hiebert. Sat Mat 3-6 pm

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Pop & rock

BEULCH ALLIANCE CHURCH 17504-98 A Ave.

N.W. SAT 26 (6:30 doors): Rock Solid 99: the Beatnics, Audience of One, 7 Sprot, Peaches Joe's Ice Cream Surprise, dAyz Wage. TIX: \$4 adv. (⊕ Christian Book Store), \$5 door.

BILLY BUDD'S 9839-63 Ave., 438-1148. •Every TUE karaoke. •Every MON, WED- SAT: live entertainment

BOILERS PUB 10220-103 Street., 425-4767, 440-6062. •Every THU: Battle of the Bands Semi Finals. •Every SUN: Acoustic jam with

CLUB CAR 11948-127 Ave., 453-1995. «Every SUN (2-7 pm): the KGB hosting the Traffic Jam Sessions. FRI 18-SAT 19 (9 pm): Uncaged. No cover.

DRAGON HEAD Lynberg Shopping Centre, 7522-178 Street. •Every FRI, SAT Classic Rock Dance Party.

ELEPHANT & CASTLE 10314 Whyte Ave., 439-4545
•Every TUES, Open stage, hosted by Jose Oiseau.

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FOX & HOUNDS PUB 10125-109 St. 4232913. *Every SAT: MUSICITY/ALLSTAR Show Oniginal Music Discovery TV Project. *Every WED: Alternative Night with DJ Wic, and DJ Fem. RRI 18: Worldbeat Party. One Fever (reg.) e2) Paragon (jazz). SAT 19 (8 pm doors); Saturday Rock Bash: Truth, India Police, Los Gringos Muertes. TUE 22: *Bock Show: Elevator to Hell, Greater than Less Than, Nine Miels to Morgan. RRI 25: Rock Show: Casual Fee.

GOODFELLOWS 3646-106 St., 431-1114. FRI

THE HIGHRUN 4926-98 Ave., 440-2233. FRI 18-SAT 19: Mustard Smile, FRI 25-SAT 26: Sideshow Bo

HORSESHU COCKTAIL CLUB 12536-137 Ave., 457-4000. •Every MON: House band Shu Fits led by Sandro Dominelli, open stage following first set.

I.J.'S PUB 13160-118 Ave., 451-9180. THU 17: the KGB. FRI 18-SAT 19: Vandiesel (pop/rock).

JOEY'S TOMATO-DOWNTOWN 11228 Jasper Ave. • Every THU (9 pm): Bubba, groove abstract KAPONE'S (SHA-NA-NA'S) 1012-112 St., 423-3838. FRI 18-SAT 19: Centrafuge.

KING'S HORSE PUB 4211-106 Street, 462-4627.

•Every MON: bar/restaurant industry appreciation nick

NORMS SPORTS BAR 10108-149 St., 414-6896

PIG & WHISTLE 99 St., 82 Ave. FRI 18-SAT 19: the Chicken Snail's Roadshow

PINS & CUES ENTERTAINMETH CENTRE int Shopping Centre. Feed the Children lefit Concert: 19 live bands including: Soy VCzar, Bitter, Indifferent, Necronaut, Soi' Sun, Dive, Phork, Trademark, Outwash,

PONCHO'S PUB 9006-132 Ave., 473-7131. •Every FRI live music/DI dance •Every SAT

ROAD HOUSE 15540 Stony Plain Rd., 483-1100.
•Live music THU-SAT. •Sunday Showcase (8-2).

THUNDERDOME 9920 Argyll Road., 433- DOME.

•Every THU: Ladies Night. •Every TUES: Boogie Nites:
The Best of '60s, '70s & '80s Retro.

WILD HORSE SALOON 16625 Stony Plain Road, 484-7751 •Every SUN & MON karaoke THU-SAT:

WINDSOR BAR & GRILL 11712-82 Ave., 433-7800 *Every TUES. Canadian Music Nigh

MARIO'S 4990-92 Ave., 466-8652. •Every THU-SAT: Rare Occasion.

COWBOYS MON 21(10 pm): Vengaboys-CD DE VINES RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 97.12-111 St., 482-6402. *Every THU & FRI night (8:30 pm-12 am): Live acoustic, "40s to '70s pop, Damian Gregory. *Every SAT night (8:30 pm-12 am): Mark Baily.

KER'S NIGHTCLUB 12345-118 Ave., 454-5396. In SUN, open stage (4-9 pm). Club dance follow-and the Guru, DJ Bobby Bree. •Every FRI & bby Bree.

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AN LOUNCE 8111-105 St., 439-3388, «Every we music, «Every SAT: Live Music, (9 pm). Open Stage with Jose Oueau, «Every Cypt" 141-5AT 19; Transmission, SUN 20; State with Jose Oiseau, Montaria and Manhattan Mondays, an Myles THU 24-SAT 26; King Mushafa, en Stage with Jose Oiseau.

ME 10089 (asper Ave., 426-5535. • Every THU on) Ladies Night. • Every FRI/ SAT/SUN (8 Party • Every SUN (8 pm): Live in the Zone.

Country

NO EDMONTON 7055 Argyll Rd., 463-RI 18-SAT 19 (9 pm): Silverhawk. no cover 24-SAT 26 (9 pm): Tineta & Twister. no cove x COUNTY SALOON 8010-103 St., 423-k(2665) THU 17-FR 18: Larry Barrio. FRI 25 (9 Captain Tractor-CD Release party, Veal.

INE HOTEL 3945-118 Ave., 479-3929. •Every JAT & Every SUN aft: Second Chance Band. SHVILLE'S ELECTRIC ROADHOUSE Phase II II, 483-3289. •Every THU: Ladies' Night.

EFYED JACKS PUB & GRUB 13042-50 St.

10 WEST 12912-50 St., 476-3388. • Every WED 10 (7 30-9:30 pm): free dancing lessons • Every 10-7 pm): Jam. THU 17-SAT 19: Bareback es Nite: the Men's Club. WED 23-SAT 26:

Jazz

OOM VODKA BAR 10324 Whyte Ave.,

ADADDY'S 4635 Calgary Trail N., 436-2700.

By FRI & SAT: Jazz. FRI 18-SAT 19: Yves Lecroix MNIA PUB 5552 Calgary Tr. S., 414-1743. SM | Jazz & alternative: The Method (9 pm-1 am).

BRIDGE 12520-102 Ave., 482-5620. •Every ISUN Zappacosta. SAT 19 (12:30-3 pm): https://ebbie.boodram.Trio.

MR PLAZA Crowne Plaza, 10111 Bellamy 8-6511. LA RONDE Top 40, dine & dance. Hul (7:30-11 pm). John Fisher. «Every FRI 8-11 30 pm). John Fisher & Christine 48CLAMYS LOUNGE FRI 18-5AT 19 22 30 mm). Derek Sigurdson. FRI 25-5AT 26 230 am). Perek Sigurdson. FRI 25-5AT 26 230 am). Perek Sigurdson. FRI 25-5AT 26

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E CROWN Sheraton Grande Hotel, 101 St. Ave., 441-3036. *Every WED- SAT (9 pm-1)* Ye Hobbs *Every SAT (10 pm-1 am): to Open Stage. *Every THU (5-8 pm): Live th Dan Skakun Trio.

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HIRD SUITE 10203-86 Ave., 432-0428.

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Piano bars

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RAB CALLERY 1-1 Fine Arts Bldg., U of A, 112 St., 89 Ave., 492-3081. «CONDITIONAL BOUNDARIES Koichi Yamamoto MFA Printmaking. June 22-July 4. Opening reception: THU, June 24, 7-10 pm.

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Fereman. Opening reception, *artist in attendance,
THU, June 24, *7:30-10 pm. *NO DRESS CODE in the
Annex: The 7th Annual Naked Exhibition, June 24, *7:30-10 pm.

RESNAMA RELEASE. (13)-15 pm. *NO DRESS CODE for MERSHAMA RELEASE.** (13)-15 pm.

KERSHAW BUILDING. 10336 Jasper Ave., Entrance Alley N. Jasper Ave. • THERE IS A TRAPDOOR IN THE GALLER...: A senies of five improvised performances in an evolving video installation by lan birse. SAT 26, MON 28-WED 30, THU 1. Meet the artist reception SAT.

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THE FRINCE CALLERY 85MT, 10516 Whyte Ave., 432-0240 "GETTING PERSONAL Mixed media works by Christine Wallewer. Until June 30.

GALLERY DE JONGE 27022A Hwy 16, Spruce Grove, 962-9505 Group exhibition, gallery artist

GIORDANO GALLERY 208 Empire Bldg., 10080

HENDRICKS GALLERY 106, 4211-106 St. Oil and armir landscapes and florals by Elise Baer

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It could also be that we want a chance to learn from the past, and so we keep telling and retelling these great stories of great people, because it is easier to learn from them than from our own recent history. But, the question is; Who's writing these movies? And, are we really seeing history when we see a historical drama? Well, no, it's a drama. The story may change some of the known facts, it may change the emphasis, and it may have a different theme than an earlier version of the same story. Stories from the past stand out at different times for us over the years and for different reasons. They seem to represent certain conflicts of values that continue to be important to us, though we may come down on a different side of those values. So ask yourself why a certain story is popular right now? Why now?

So what's the focus of Mary of Scotland? Why show this movie when it was made, and now for that matter? Well, there is a theme that continues to be relevant here. It is essentially about what makes a proper ruler. But, in addition to that, what makes a proper woman. We have Mary, the ruler, who can admit she didn't even exist until she found her lover Bothwell. And, then we have Elizabeth, who denies her own womanhood to get more power. So we have a clear contrast here, and we in the audience are clearly for the underdog throughout the movie. That's the way the story is set up, and the underdog is Mary. Mary wins in this story. Because of love, she ends up as the mother of the future King of England.

But, if you jump ahead to 1971 and the BBC production of Mary Queen of Scots, with Glenda Jackson playing Elizabeth, Mary is portrayed as a plotting and almost fanatical Catholic, whereas Elizabeth is based more in common sense and just politic behavior. Totally different characterizations same historical story. So why such different points of view? Well, the times have changed, and the vision of the motherly woman that we saw in the Katherine Hepburn version of the story isn't really acceptable anymoref. It has given way to the ambitious woman in the world of men story, which Elizabeth very much represents. So history is often held hostage to the present and the ideals of our own times.

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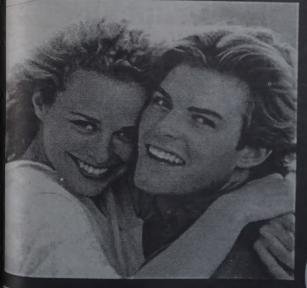
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The riddle of the sphincs

Dear Sasha: I am a young woman who has been enjoying anal sex on a regular basis—two times a week for the past five years—and I don't want to end up with a sphincter that could hold the Titanic, Leonardo DiCaprio and crewl Please let me know the facts, so that I can regulate my sodomite indulgences accordingly. —Bum Girl.

Dear Burn Girl: The medical professionals I consulted said that over the years, you may experience tissue damage and a premature loosening of the muscle at the opening of your anus. On the other hand, everyone else in the universe seems to know a gay friend who's now crapping his pants due to too much buggering.

A nurse tells me you should usually have no problems if you don't force it and use good lubrication, and one woman who's been at it for 15 years on a regular basis claims to have suffered no side effects—in fact, she finds the practice more pleasurable and comfortable than vaginal sex. Now I don't know about you, but I'd start worrying if I could get a large item up my ass without any forcing, but I suppose if you're going to stick anything up there, you're better off with some-thing that's attached to a solid foundation (for example, a boy) so that it doesn't accidentally get sucked up. I never liked that Impulse body spray myself, but according to some X-rays I've seen, people are finding some creative uses for the container. Reduce, Reuse, Rectum, as the saying goes.

So far as those vicious rumours of incontinence are concerned, ask yourself this question: am I prepared to introduce Pampers into my outfit rotation? One proctologist confirms that vigorous intercourse with anything larger than the size of your more substantial bowel movements spells trouble. True, the fashion these days has swung toward big, baggy pants, but you know how fickle style trends can be. You don't want to finally lose the remainder of your control over your sphincter muscle just when skin-tight lordache jeans become chic again.

But if it turns out you've wrecked, um, your rectum, there is surgery available to correct the problem. Me, I'm of two minds regarding this issue. Mind number one, which I call Sensible Sasha, says that any activity that could result in an invasive operation is not worth it. Mind number two, good of Bacchanalian Sasha, says, and I quote, fuck it. So you have to get your asshole sewed back on-big deal! Athletes are forever in the hospital having kneecaps fused back together, for cryin' out loud! Look at it this way, if you keep at it, you may be looking at a future Ben-Gay endorsement. Clearly, some people's assholes are more durable than others, but if I were you, I'd keep in touch with a proctologist or even just my G.P. to make sure I wasn't abusing my nether reaches too badly.

A rib-tickling question

Dear Sasha: Do the various varieties of textured condoms make any difference to the woman? —JOHN

Dear John (ah, if I had a nickel for every letter I've begun with those two words...): I never got off on those damn nubbly condoms myself. I think they're a load of crap. Winky-nudgy data vided by manufacturers states that provide more "stimulation," but pretty ambiguous. Are we to ass that a little bumpy texture is goir drive a woman wild? Some people so baffled about the inner worki the vagina that when they see a uct that says "for her pleasure" (mysterious, her pleasure—sorta like euphemistic blue menstrual blo the television ads), they figure, the ticket to get my gal squealing stuck pig!" If these condoms trul orgasm-inducing qualities, they be far outselling all the others, ye most popular prophylactics in the are still the regular smooth kind.

If ribs really did the trick, that immation would spread through female community like wildrine. (Justhe words "shower massage" to woman, and you'll get the picture.) woman, and you'll get the picture.) woman, and you'll get the picture, but on't get the same reaction with ribs condoms, but there's obviously point in pointing this out to the compnies that manufacture them. On endorsement has a recipient "hower like a wolf." The only time a condo ever did that to me was the night! an allergic reaction to the common used spermicide Nonoxymol-9—yeah was fucking howling, all right.

Anyway, most condoms are in enough that you should be able feel the natural bumps and ridges the penis—which, in my humble epiton, provide enough texture all of their lonesome.

Basically, ribbed condoms are no income but a placebo—and if you're pur in a larme performance, ain't no daribs, studs, bumps or nothin' gor help your sorry ass. Er, penis-tet's be glad, on the other hand, that the not making condoms out of linen or toiseshell like they did in the good days. Yes, that's what I said: tortoisel "For his pleasure," perhaps? ®





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